

## **HB 2817 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Education**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires that schools, districts, and associations allow students participating in general educational development (GED) programs to participate in interscholastic activities. Takes effect for the 2021-2022 school year. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Benefits of participation in extracurricular activities
- Needs of students enrolled in GED program

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

- 1 Modifies the definition of GED student to include only those up to age 19.
- 2 Defines GED program. Modifies the definition of GED student to include only those up to age 19. Requires that GED student to pass at least one practice test prior to participating in interscholastic activity.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

State law currently requires that homeschool and charter school students be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities at the neighborhood schools where they live.

House Bill 2817 adds GED students to the list of students who, though not necessarily attending their neighborhood school, may participate in interscholastic activities there.