

**HB 3267 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Vial, Rep. Bynum

**House Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 04/10/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires school district (district) or public charter school (charter school) to grant waiver toward graduation requirements specified by district or charter school to students in grades 9 through 12 who are foster children, homeless or runaway. Requires district or charter school to accept, for any foster child, homeless or runaway, any credits earned by the student in another district or charter school and apply those credits toward the 24 credit hour graduation requirements. Defines foster child, homeless and runaway. Applies to high school diplomas awarded on or after the effective date of this Act.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Effect of high school diploma on lifelong earnings and need to earn diploma
- Effect of modified and alternative diploma on students
- Importance of providing foster care students opportunity to receive high school diploma as opposed to modified diploma

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The State Board of Education (Board) requires students complete 24 total credits, including three credits in mathematics and four in English. Additional course credit requirements must satisfy content standards established by the Board. School districts and public charter schools may add additional requirements for students in grades 9 through 12 to graduate.

House Bill 3267-A allows the district or public charter school to waive the requirements for foster care, homeless or runaway students, for those not established by the Board or the 24 credit hour requirements.