

**HB 2406 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hansell

**Senate Committee On Workforce**

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**Action Date:** 03/14/19

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Golden, Hansell, Knopp, Monnes Anderson, Taylor

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Replaces reference to "mental retardation" with "intellectual disabilities" in workers' compensation statute regarding coverage for participants in work experience or school-directed professional training programs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of respectful language regarding intellectual disability
- Underlying policy unchanged by measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law provides that persons with mental retardation who are trainees in a work experience program or a school-directed professional education project are considered to be subject workers of the school district for purposes of workers' compensation insurance laws. House Bill 2406-A replaces "mental retardation" with "intellectual disabilities."