

HB 2051 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sollman

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/09/21

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

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Smith DB, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands eligibility for statewide youth reengagement system to any youth between the ages of 14 through 24 years who is not currently enrolled in school, is not a high school graduate, has not received a high school equivalency certificate, is recommended for participation by certain entities, or is not on track to graduate on time. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for reengagement system
- Age of participants in reengagement programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Expands agencies that can refer students to program.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the legislature passed House Bill 3427, commonly referred to as the Student Success Act. The measure established a statewide reengagement system to provide educational opportunities for students who had already disengaged from the K-12 educational system or who may disengage prior to completing high school. Eligibility was reserved for students ages 14 through 21 who had dropped out, were not exempt from attending full-time, or who were recommended for participation by certain entities.

House Bill 2051 A expands eligibility for this program to youth up to age 24, adds to the list of entities who may recommend youth for participation, modifies enrollment criteria, and adds eligibility for students who are enrolled but may not graduate on time.