
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 476

AN ACT CONCERNING FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR ALLIANCE DISTRICTS.

SUMMARY:

This bill expressly expands the uses of alliance district funds to include providing full-day kindergarten. By law, alliance district funds can be used for a variety of specified purposes including (1) a tiered system of interventions to improve schools; (2) intensive reading instruction programs; and (3) additional learning time, including an extended school day or year. An alliance district is a school district that is among the 30 lowest academic performers, as measured by standardized tests, in the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

The Senate referred the original bill (File 491) to the Appropriations Committee, which favorably reported a substitute that eliminates the bilingual education and summer learning grant program provisions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 4 (03/24/2014)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 48 Nay 0 (04/22/2014)