
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5266

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT WORK RELEASE POLICIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the education commissioner, in consultation with the Office of Workforce Strategy's chief workforce officer, the Technical Education and Career System's executive director, and the Department of Labor commissioner, to develop a model student work release policy by January 1, 2023. The bill allows the education commissioner to update the policy as needed and requires that she notify each local and regional board of education ("school boards") about an update. Additionally, the bill requires the commissioner, by July 1, 2023, to give school boards recommendations for adopting their own student work release policies.

The bill requires school boards, for the 2024-25 school year and all following school years, to adopt either (1) the education commissioner's model student work release policy or the most recently updated version of it or (2) their own student work release policy based on the commissioner's recommendations. School boards that choose to adopt their own policy must submit it to the education commissioner for approval in the form and manner she prescribes.

Finally, the bill requires the education commissioner, by January 1, 2023, to report on the model student work release policy to the Commerce, Education, and Labor and Public Employees committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 2 (03/17/2022)