

the advancement of LB 67. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 67.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 67 advances. We'll now go to LB 100.

CLERK: LB 100 was introduced by Senator Byars and Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, for the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 100, a bill brought to us by Senator Byars, changes the age for compulsory education from 16 to 18 years of age. The committee discussed the bill, found the bill had a lot of merit, decided they wanted to send it onto the floor of the Legislature. I think that there was only one individual testifying against the bill, and that was not anybody representing the organized school community. They...there was a concern brought up in the discussion on the committee, though, that the bill does provide for students having alternative educational programs, not necessarily being forced to sit in third and fourth year science, third and fourth year English, if that's not the sort of environment that is suiting their needs. There may be...it may take some school districts some time to develop alternative programs, so what we've chosen to do is add an amendment that puts an effective date of this act of August 1, 1994, so that the remainder of this school year and the next school year it would not be applicable to those young people. It's designed to give the education community an opportunity to phase in these requirements. So, with that, I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion of the committee amendments. Senator Robinson. Anyone wishing to discuss the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Withem, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 100. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.