

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB414

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 07, 2023
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Conrad
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the enrollment option program

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Albrecht, Briese, Conrad, Linehan, Murman, Sanders, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Walz

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Danielle Conrad
Elizabeth Eynon-Kokrda
Dunixi Guereca

Representing:

Introducer
Education Rights Council
Stand for Schools

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 414 would provide standards and practices for public schools' option enrollment program.

SECTION 1

This section addresses issues of capacity such as: determining capacity, reporting capacity, special ed capacity, and tiers of priority.

SECTION 2

If an option school rejects an application, or if a resident school district rejects a request for release, then the rejecting school district shall provide written notification stating the specific reasons.

SECTION 3

The enrollment option program does not preclude a school district from its contracting authority.

SECTION 4

The section provides standards to be used when accepting or rejecting applications.

SECTION 5

Repealed:

79-239

79-244

79-238

79-2110

Explanation of amendments:

AM 689 would:

- Strike language from Section 1.1.a by removing the words "and rejection of applications and for providing transportation for option students."
- Insert new language into Section 1.1.b by adding "and the appropriate class, grade level, or school building in such school district" into line 16.
- Correct wording in Section 2.1, line 2 of page 5, in order to properly identify a law as a federal statute.
- Add a new clause which would become Section 2.3.a and 2.3.b
 - Section 2.3.a mandates reporting requirements for school districts to the DOE regarding number of applicants, reasons for rejections, IEP status of applicants, and whether notice requirements were met for applicants.
 - Section 2.3.b directs the DOE to provide an annual report as prescribed.

Dave Murman, Chairperson