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SENATE BILL 125: Various Changes to Education, Sec. 1: Encourage Local Boards of Education to Adopt Student Attendance Recognition Programs

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 1 of S.L. 2018-37

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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2018-37, Sec. 1 encourages local boards of education to adopt student attendance recognition programs. If adopted, those programs may not include a student's absence due to service as a legislative or Governor's page as part of the student's record of attendance for the purpose of the attendance recognition program.*

This section became effective June 22, 2018, and applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

SECTION 1: ENCOURAGE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT STUDENT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

PRIOR LAW: Attendance recognition programs have not previously been addressed in statute, and were therefore left up to the State Board of Education and local boards of education.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 encourages local boards of education to adopt student attendance recognition programs. If such a program is adopted, students serving as legislative or Governor's pages must be eligible for participation in these programs, and the students' absences resulting from page service must not be included as part of their record of attendance for the purpose of the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 became effective June 22, 2018, and applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

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