

SENATE BILL 68: Student Attendance/Page Program Recognition.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee: Senate Education/Higher Education. If Date: March 14, 2017

favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of

the Senate

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 68 would encourage local boards of education to adopt student attendance recognition programs and, if adopted, would require that students serving as legislative or Governor's pages be eligible for participation in such programs.

CURRENT LAW: Attendance recognition programs are not currently addressed in statute, and are therefore left up to the State Board of Education and local boards of education.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 68 would encourage 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: The act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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