



HOUSE BILL 348: Annexation of PUV Land/School Capacity.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Agriculture and Environment. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 30, 2025
Introduced by:	Reps. McNeely, Huneycutt, Jeffers	Prepared by:	Chris Saunders Committee Counsel
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H348-PCS30425-TQ-12		

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 348 would impose limits upon the ability of a city to annex agricultural, horticultural, or forestland areas that are not contiguous to the city and not in the city's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction.*

The PCS differs from the First Edition by:

- *Amending the Short Title.*
- *Requiring consultation between the planning department of the city and the planning department of the county.*
- *Deleting Sections 1, 2, and 3, establishing the Farmers Assistance Grant Program, from the First Edition.*

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would provide that before a public hearing for annexation of an area that (i) is agricultural land, forestland, or horticultural land, (ii) is not contiguous to the city's corporate limits, and (iii) is not within the city's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction, the city council must direct its planning department to consult with the planning department of the county with jurisdiction over the area proposed for annexation to determine whether zoning the area as residential would increase the number of students attending public school in the county to more than 100% of the county's current capacity.

If so, then the annexation could not proceed unless either (i) the board of county commissioners approves the annexation or (ii) the city agrees to pay the county the amount necessary to restore compliance with school capacity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2025, and would apply to petitions for annexation received on or after that date.

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