

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB 711 |
| Version: | CS |
| Request Number: | 13602 |
| Author: | Rep. Johns |
| Date: | 4/29/2025 |
| Impact: | No Impact |

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for SB 711 modifies statute relating to schools' A-F report cards. The measure:

- Prohibits chronic absenteeism from being a measure of school success;
- Adds the retention rate of teachers over a two-year period, (not including teachers who retire), as an indicator on the report card; and
- Expands the list of activities that are accepted as postsecondary opportunities.

The measure also allows schools to earn bonus points on their report card in the following ways:

- Up to three bonus points if the school provides in-person classroom instruction in excess of 173 days and 1,038 hours; and
- Up to two bonus points for improving their chronic absenteeism rate.

The State Department of Education is required to submit an amended State ESSA plan to the U.S. Department of Education by August 1, 2025. The amended state plan must include the changes listed in the measure. Lastly, the measure clarifies which transfer students are included in a high school's adjusted cohort graduation rate.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute version of the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.