

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 711
Version:	POLREC
Request Number:	13483
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The policy recommendation for SB 711 prohibits chronic absenteeism from being a measure of school success on the state's ESSA Plan. The State Department of Education is required to replace chronic absenteeism with a measure of instructional time. This would require schools to be evaluated on their number of in-person school days, total school hours for the academic year, and school day length. The State Board of Education is required to submit an amendment for the ESSA Plan to the US Department of Education by August 1, 2025.

Further, the measure expands the list of activities that are accepted as postsecondary opportunities on the ESSA plan. The measure adds military readiness and scoring Silver Level or above on American College Testing (ACT) WorkKeys. Lastly, the measure clarifies that students who transfer in or out of a high school and/or emigrate to another country are not included in a school's 4 or 5-year graduation rate calculation.

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Fiscal Analysis

The POLREC 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.