

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 711 modifies language regarding the calculation of the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. It directs students who transfer out of the school, emigrate to another country, and deceased students to not be included in the rate calculation, rather than directing that the rate be adjusted for such students. It also amends the A-F grading system for schools by prohibiting chronic absenteeism from being included in any statewide measure of school quality or student success. It removes language directing certain indicators be given certain percentage weight in a school's overview grade. The bill provides for the awarding of a specific point levels based on a measure of performance in certain subject areas, academic growth in certain subject areas, progress in English language proficiency, a high school's graduation rate, and high school students' participation in certain postsecondary opportunities. It adds scoring the silver level or above on the ACT WorkKeys, acceptance for enlistment into any branch of the military within the first year after high school graduation, or earning a military readiness score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery to the list of postsecondary opportunities that may be considered in calculating a school's grade. The bill allows bonus points to be awarded based on a school site providing in-person classroom instruction in excess of certain statutory requirements and based on a school site improving its chronic absenteeism rate. The measure directs the State Board of Education to amends its state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to replace chronic absenteeism. It requires the Board to submit a proposed amendment to the U.S. Department of Education by August 1, 2025.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 711 modifies engrossed language by adding language relating to performance assessment, graduation rate, participation in postsecondary opportunities, and the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. The CCR adds language relating to silver level or above on the ACT WorkKeys, acceptance for enlistment, and bonus points based on a school site providing in-person classroom instruction.

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