
Education Committee

HB 2319

Brief Description: Permitting school districts to publish certain legal notices using public web sites maintained by school districts as an alternative to publishing notice in newspapers.

Sponsors: Representatives Magendanz, Fey and Reykdal.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows school districts to publish notice of certain activities on a public website maintained by the school district, instead of in a newspaper of general circulation.
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Hearing Date: 2/13/14

Staff: Megan Wargacki (786-7194).

Background:

School districts must provide public notice of certain activities, including:

- public hearings on proposed school district name changes;
- public hearings on proposed school closures;
- rentals or leases of surplus school district real property totaling \$10,000 or more in value;
- public hearings on proposed sales of school district real property exceeding \$70,000 in value;
- sales of surplus school district real property;
- meetings for fixing and adopting the district budget for the next fiscal year; and
- public hearings on the proposed issuance of nonvoted bonds in excess of \$250,000.

School districts, Educational Service Districts, and other state or local educational agencies must provide notice when declaring books, equipment, materials, or certain facilities as surplus.

These notices are generally published in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district, or in counties in which the district is located. Depending on the activity, the notice must

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be published either once, once per week for two consecutive weeks, or once per week for three consecutive weeks.

Summary of Bill:

School districts may publish notice of certain activities on a public website maintained by the school district, instead of in a newspaper of general circulation.

Notices must be published on the district's website for the same duration as previously required to be published in a newspaper. For example, a notice that was previously required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation once each week for two consecutive weeks may, instead be published on the district's website for two consecutive weeks.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.