

HB 1508 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Education

NOT CONSIDERED 03/02/2017

1 On page 10, after line 13, insert the following:

2 "(3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
3 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
4 instruction may award grants to school districts to collaborate with
5 community-based organizations, food banks, and farms or gardens for
6 reducing high school dropout occurrences through farm engagement
7 projects. Projects established by school districts that receive
8 grants in accordance with this section must:

9 (a) Primarily target low-income and disengaged youth who have
10 dropped out or who are at risk of dropping out of high school; and

11 (b) Provide participating youth with opportunities for:

12 (i) Performing community service, including, but not limited to,
13 building food gardens for low-income families, and work-based learning
14 and employment during the school year and summer through farm or
15 garden programs;

16 (ii) Earning core and elective credits applied toward high school
17 graduation, including but not limited to, science, health, and career
18 and technical education credits;

19 (iii) Receiving development support and services, including social
20 and emotional learning, counseling, leadership training, and career
21 and college guidance; and

22 (iv) Improving food security for themselves and their community
23 through the project."

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EFFECT: (1) Authorizes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, to award grants to school districts to collaborate with community-based organizations, food banks, and farms or gardens for reducing high school dropout occurrences through farm engagement

projects. (2) Specifies criteria that farm engagement projects funded by the grants must satisfy.

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