Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Education Committee

HB 1674

Brief Description: Changing the term alternative learning experience to personalized learning experience.

Sponsors: Representatives Rude, Steele, Santos, Jinkins, Bergquist and Doglio.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Changes statutory references to alternative learning experiences, and associated provisions, to personalized learning experiences.

Hearing Date: 2/5/19

Staff: Ethan Moreno (786-7386).

Background:

Alternative learning experience (ALE) programs provide a way for students to be enrolled in public education without being required to meet the in-class seat-time requirements for regular instruction. The ALE courses may be delivered via online courses, remote courses, or site-based courses. Courses offered through ALE programs may be provided to students residing outside of the district offering the course, and may be provided to full or part-time students. Districts providing ALE programs may claim state basic education funding for students enrolled in ALE courses, and are obligated satisfy annual reporting requirements.

Summary of Bill:

Statutory references to the ALEs, and associated provisions, are changed to personalized learning experiences. The terminology change is made through modifications to numerous statutes, including revisions to provisions governing:

- the establishment, operation, and financing ALE programs;
- student truancies; and
- staffing ratios for basic education certificated instructional staff.

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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.

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