

SB 6274-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Establishes the passport to careers act.

Creates the passport to careers program to: (1) Encourage foster youth and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness to complete higher education or a registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program;

(2) Improve high school graduation outcomes of the youth through coordinated P-20 and child welfare outreach, intervention, and planning; and

(3) Improve postsecondary outcomes by providing the youth with planning, information, support, and direct financial resources.

Creates a passport to apprenticeship opportunities program and requires the program to: (1) Identify students and applicants who are eligible for services; and

(2) Provide financial assistance.

Requires the office of student financial assistance to implement the passport to careers with two programmatic pathways: (1) The passport to college promise program; and

(2) The passport to apprenticeship opportunities program.

Requires the office of student financial assistance to contract to provide certain services to disadvantaged populations seeking to complete apprenticeships and preapprenticeships.

Repeals the June 30, 2022, expiration of the passport to college promise program.

Requires the departments of social and health services and children, youth, and families, with input from the superintendent of public instruction to devise and implement procedures for: (1) Identifying students and applicants eligible for services; and

(2) Sharing that information with the office of student financial assistance, institutions of higher education, and certain other entities.