
Education Committee

HB 1714

Brief Description: Concerning community and technical colleges granting high school diplomas.

Sponsors: Representatives Entenman, Boehnke, Jinkins, Ortiz-Self, Bergquist, Pollet and Leavitt; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a community or technical college to issue a high school diploma to an individual aged 16 through 20 who satisfactorily completes an associate degree, even if the student is not enrolled in the Running Start Program or a technical college occupational and academic program.

Hearing Date: 2/14/19

Staff: Megan Wargacki (786-7194).

Background:

School districts must issue diplomas to students signifying graduation from high school upon the students' satisfactory completion of all local and state graduation requirements.

A community or technical college (CTC) may issue a high school diploma to:

- an individual who satisfactorily meets the requirements for high school completion, subject to rules adopted by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education;
- upon written request of the student to:
 - an individual enrolled in the Running Start program (a program where a high school student can take classes at a CTC for dual credit) who satisfactorily completes an associate degree;
 - an individual, 21 years or older, who satisfactorily completes an associate degree;and

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- an individual who enrolls in a technical college for occupational and academic programs as a high school student who satisfactorily completes an associate degree.

Summary of Bill:

A community or technical college may issue a high school diploma to an individual aged 16 through 20 who satisfactorily completes an associate degree, even if the student is not enrolled in the Running Start Program or a technical college occupational and academic program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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