

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2320

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Education*

Title: An act relating to nomenclature of educational clinics.

Brief Description: Changing the name of educational clinics to education centers.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Peery, Brough, Winsley and J. Kohl.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Education, January 30, 1992, DP.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 19 members: Representatives Peery, Chair; G. Fisher, Vice Chair; Brough, Ranking Minority Member; Vance, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Betrozoff; Broback; Brumsickle; Carlson; G. Cole; Dorn; P. Johnson; Jones; J. Kohl; Neher; Orr; Rasmussen; Roland; H. Sommers; and Valle.

Staff: Margaret Allen (786-7191).

Background: An educational clinic is a profit or nonprofit private school that teaches basic academic skills, emphasizing student achievement motivation and employment orientation.

Educational clinics are certified by the state Board of Education and reimbursed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for common school dropouts meeting specified criteria who are enrolled in a clinic.

Operating on a clinical, client-centered basis, an educational clinic diagnoses individual abilities, determines individual goals and courses of instruction, and evaluates each client's progress.

The present name "educational clinic" reportedly has caused some confusion with medical clinics and school programs offering various medical services.

Summary of Bill: The name "educational clinic" is changed to "education center" in the statutes.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Students who come to the educational clinic programs come with numerous problems; we do not want to label them as ill as well.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Sharon Case, Washington Association of Educational Clinics (supports).