

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5349

As Reported By House Committee On:
Education

Title: An act relating to nomenclature of educational clinics.

Brief Description: Renaming educational clinics.

Sponsors: Senators Pelz and Moyer.

Brief History:

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Education, March 30, 1993, DPA.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 17 members: Representatives Dorn, Chair; Cothorn, Vice Chair; Thomas, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brumsickle; Carlson; G. Cole; Eide; G. Fisher; Hansen; Holm; Jones; Karahalios; J. Kohl; Pruitt; Roland; Stevens; and Vance.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Brough, Ranking Minority Member.

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, prescribes and provides individualized 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 Amended Bill: The name of educational clinics is changed to "education centers."

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: A reference to a repealed statute is deleted.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The current name has resulted in educational clinics being confused with teen clinics and should be changed.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Sharon Case, Association of Educational Clinics.