

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 1708

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Increasing the membership of the commission on student learning.

By Representatives Peery, Ballard, Dorn, Brough, Jones, Pruitt, Cothorn, Basich, Hansen, Roland, Fuhrman, Jacobsen, Ogden, Karahalios, J. Kohl, H. Myers and Johanson.

House Committee on Education
Senate Committee on Education

Background: The 1992 Legislature approved legislation that established a process for developing and implementing new student assessment and school accountability systems for public K-12 schools. The act also began the process of reducing state-level control of how instruction is provided in local school districts.

The legislation created a Commission on Student Learning, which was given the responsibility for developing the new assessment and accountability system. The commission also was directed to take other actions to move the education system toward a "performance-based" system.

The commission is composed of nine members: three appointed by the State Board of Education; three appointed by Governor Gardner; and three appointed by Governor Lowry.

The Governor's Council on Education Reform and Funding has recommended that the size of the commission be increased by two members, and that the governor appoint the commission chair.

Summary: The size of the Commission on Student Learning is increased by two members by having the governor appoint five members, instead of only three. The two additional members are to be appointed by June 1, 1993. The governor is to appoint the commission's chair from among its members.

The procedure for filling vacancies on the commission is clarified. The governor is to fill any vacancies of gubernatorial appointments, and the State Board of Education is to fill any vacancies of state board appointments.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 89 0
Senate 35 14 (Senate amended)
House (House refused to concur)

Conference Committee

Senate 44 3
House 98 0

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