SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6465

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, FEBRUARY 2, 1994

Brief Description: Creating a waiver for students with disabilities to obtain cosmetology course credit without having graduated from high school.

SPONSORS: Senators A. Smith and McAuliffe

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

Majority Report: Do pass.
Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Deccio, Fraser, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Prince, Sellar, Sutherland and Wojahn.

Staff: Dave Cheal (786-7576)

Hearing Dates: February 2, 1994

BACKGROUND:

High school students, technical college students, or community college students may attend cosmetology school if the arrangement is worked out between the two schools. To do so, the student must have completed the eleventh grade. Those students are to receive credit for all creditable hours of course instruction received in the school of cosmetology provided they graduate from high school.

Students between the ages of three and 21 who have sensory, mental, physical, emotional, or learning disabilities are entitled to a variety of special educational services. Among these services is the development of individual education plans. These plans are developed jointly by the student, parents, and school district.

SUMMARY:

Students who qualify for special education services, and who attend a cosmetology school as part of their high school curriculum, may have the graduation requirement waived and still get credit for the time spent attending the school of cosmetology. The waiver must be included in the student's individual education plan.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The current high school graduation requirement has delayed or prevented students from taking the cosmetology exam even though they have the requisite training. The restriction serves no useful purpose.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: none

TESTIFIED: Darrell Camp (pro); Tim Williams (pro)