

Education

HB 1255

Brief Description: Including educational service districts in school district provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Cox, Fromhold, Haigh, Schoesler and Hunt.

Brief Summary of Bill

Hearing Date: 1/31/01

Staff: Susan Morrissey (786-7111).

Background:

By law, school districts may permit their employees to participate in deferred compensation programs. The conditions that govern the programs are described in the law.

In addition, school districts may provide different types of insurance policies to students, employees, board members, and the dependents of each. The types of insurance policies offered may include liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, salary protection, and other types of unspecified insurance protection. If funds are available, the district may contribute all or a part of the money needed to pay employee insurance premiums. Students and board members must cover the cost of their own insurance policies. However, school districts may require and help pay the cost of insurance premiums for students participating in interscholastic athletics.

Summary of Bill:

Educational Service Districts (ESDs) may permit their employees to participate in deferred compensation programs. The conditions that govern permissible programs are identical to conditions governing school district sponsored deferred compensation programs.

ESDs may provide different types of insurance policies to students, employees, board

members, and the dependents of each. The districts may offer the same types of insurance coverage school districts may offer. ESDs may also offer and pay all or part of the cost of insurance protection for students in interscholastic athletics.

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

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not Requested.*