

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5653

As Passed House - Amended:

April 9, 2003

Title: An act relating to residency for purposes of attending Washington public schools.

Brief Description: Expanding "residency" for purposes of attending Washington public schools.

Sponsors: By Senators Sheahan and Brown.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 3/26/03, 3/27/03 [DPA].

Floor Activity:

Passed House - Amended: 4/9/03, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Bill (As Amended by House)

- For the next three years, permits children who live in a home that is located in Idaho, but has a Washington address assigned by the United States Postal Service, to attend school in Washington as resident students.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Quall, Chair; McDermott, Vice Chair; Talcott, Ranking Minority Member; Tom, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Anderson, Cox, Haigh, Hunter, McMahan, Rockefeller and Santos.

Staff: Susan Morrissey (786-7111).

Background:

Any school-aged child who lives within the borders of Washington may attend the state's public schools without paying tuition. This includes children living on military reservations, American Indian lands, national parks, and national forest lands.

Students who live in other states may also attend school in Washington under a law that permits out-of-state students to enroll in state schools under a reciprocity agreement. The enrollment is limited to students from states that permit reciprocity exchanges. It is also limited to enrollment in a Washington school district that borders the out-of-state school district in which the student lives. Under the reciprocity exchanges, the school district that receives the out-of-state student must charge the student tuition. The tuition must equal the cost to the district of educating the student. The district cannot receive any state or federal funds for these students.

Summary of Amended Bill:

Until July 1, 2006, any school-aged child who lives in a home that is located in Idaho, but has a Washington address assigned to the home by the United States Postal Service, may attend a school in the nearest Washington school district without paying tuition. The child will be considered a resident student for state funding purposes.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Amended Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.