

SB 5717-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that skill centers provide students with high quality educational opportunities through programs that combine academics with career and technical education.

Finds that skill centers provide extremely valuable support to local businesses seeking skilled entry-level employees and to communities attempting to enhance local economic development opportunities.

Finds that skill centers permit a number of school districts to cooperatively offer programs that the school districts cannot provide individually.

Provides that, to the extent that funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide incentive funds to school districts that maintain or increase the number of students attending skill centers. The purpose of the funds is to help high schools maintain programs for students remaining in the high schools in the district and to provide incentives to send students to skill centers.