

HB 1618-S2.E - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 3RD SUB)

Creates the community schools program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to: (1) Provide capital grant funds for the development of community schools and convert empty school buildings into community facilities;

(2) Improve the coordination, availability, and effectiveness of services for children and families;

(3) Help children come to school ready to learn every day;

(4) Enable families to participate in the education of their children;

(5) Enable more efficient use of federal, state, local, and private sector resources that serve children and families;

(6) Enable the use of and improve access to surplus schools for community purposes; and

(7) Assist school districts with the conversion of surplus schools from illiquid assets to liquid capital funds.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction, in conducting studies and surveys for securing information on applications by school districts for state assistance in providing school plant facilities, to include in the studies and surveys an inventory of school district facilities jointly used, or that could potentially be used for other community purposes, including detail on cooperative partnerships.