

**HB 2373-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/14)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Report to the governor and the legislature certain data for homeless students;

(2) In collaboration with experts from community organizations on homelessness and homeless education policy, develop or acquire a short video that provides information on how to identify signs that indicate a student may be homeless, how to provide services and support to homeless students, and why this identification and support is critical to student success; and

(3) Adopt and distribute to each school district, best practices for choosing and training school district-designated homeless student liaisons.

Requires school districts to, on an annual basis, strongly encourage: (1) All school staff to review the video; and

(2) Every district-designated homeless student liaison to attend trainings provided by the state to ensure that homeless children and youth are identified and served.

Requires school districts to: (1) Include information about services and support for homeless students in existing materials that are shared with students at the beginning of the school year or at enrollment information; and

(2) Report annually to the superintendent of public instruction, dropout rates for student populations in each of the grades seven through twelve by homeless status.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.