

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

HB 891 — Year-round School Pilot Program

by Rep. Williams and others (SB 1564 by Senator Stewart)

The bill establishes the Year-round School Pilot Program (program) to enable the Department of Education (DOE) to assist school districts in establishing a year-round school program within at least one elementary school in the district to study issues, benefits, and scheduling options. The program begins in the 2024-2025 school year for a period of four years.

The bill requires the DOE to create an application process for school districts that must include certain data elements. The Commissioner of Education (commissioner) must select five school districts to participate in the program representing a variety of demographics, which includes an urban, suburban, and rural school district.

The bill outlines elements to be included in the program, including the type of year-round program implemented and specific data needed for evaluation of the program.

The bill requires the commissioner to, upon completion of the program, provide a report to the Legislature and the Governor which includes data on participation, benefits of the program, barriers to implementation, and recommendations to statewide adoption.

The bill authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules to administer the program.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 107-0