

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/CS/SB 1402 — Students Enrolled in Dropout Retrieval Programs

by Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Education Pre-K – 12 Committee; and Senator Yarborough

The bill authorizes a Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) provider to choose to receive a school improvement rating in lieu of a school grade for each district with which it contracts and requires that the school improvement rating be based on the assessment scores of all students served by that VIP within the school district.

The bill exempts VIP providers that operate exclusively as a dropout retrieval program from receiving a district grade. The bill also requires all dropout retrieval programs to choose between receiving a school improvement rating or a school grade. The bill defines a dropout retrieval program as a program serving students who have officially withdrawn from high school before graduation and were not engaged in the education system at the time of enrollment.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 116-0