



House Elementary and Secondary Education
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HB 151 (Shields) - Sharing Superintendents

Consolidation of districts is not realistic because of long travel distances between districts. Districts can currently share superintendents (since 2014), but only one district has done that. Bill would add a \$30,000 incentive for districts to participate.

Several states offer stipends for sharing superintendents; specifically mentioned Iowa. Last year bill got through the process to the Senate Education Committee.

HB 306 (Griesheimer) - Gifted Programs

Districts with >350 students must have a gifted program and a certified gifted educator.

HB 754 (Christofanelli) - Virtual Education

Bill sponsor argued that school districts are not working in good faith with parents who want virtual education access.

Changes the gatekeeper from the district to the parent.

Executive Session

HB 387 (Bailey) - Behavioral Interventions

Do Pass 14-0

*Committee went out of executive session to wait for more members before voting on open enrollment bills

HB 303 (Wieman) - Open Enrollment

HCS (sub .03C) - primary change in HCS is that a person paying property tax in another district can send students to that district even if they are residing in a different district from where the other property is located.

Amendment 1 and the HCS were both adopted.

HCS HB 303 Do pass 12-4

HB 543 (Pollitt) - Open Enrollment

No discussion. Pollitt highlighted changes in HCS including clarifying special education provisions, start date, tuition-paying students and sports, used term “revenue consistently and dropped “effort”, districts to make decisions by June 1, and denial of transfer must be voted on by local school board.

HCS HB 543 Do pass 11-5