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Overview

HF 1661 bill addresses the intersection of three different K12 education provisions. First, the graduation incentives program allows qualifying students to receive instruction in a variety of alternative settings. A student qualifies to participate in the graduation incentive program if the student meets any of the risk factors listed in the graduation incentive program statute. Second, state statutes limit K12 funding for nonspecial education students to those students who have not yet graduated from high school and who are under the age of 21. Third, the postsecondary enrollment options program generally does not allow a student to take a developmental or remedial course under the PSEO program, unless the student is enrolled in an early middle college program.

Early middle college programs (“early” refers to early entry into college, and “middle” refers to the student being in the academic middle) are designed to serve students who may not otherwise be college-bound, especially low-income, English Language Learners, and first generation college students.

HF 1661 makes permanent a provision adopted by the 2016 legislature for the 2016-17 school year only that allows early middle college programs to serve students who are older than 21 but not yet 22 years old.

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- 1 Eligible pupils; Graduation incentives program.** Makes permanent the ability of an early middle college program to serve a student who is not yet 22 years old.