

SCS HB 1892 -- STUDENT WORK CERTIFICATES

Currently, a work certificate for a child younger than 16 years of age must be issued and signed by or under the direction of the superintendent of the public school district in which the student resides. This bill allows a work certificate to also be issued by:

(1) The chief executive officer, or the equivalent position, of the charter school which the child attends;

(2) A person possessing a student services certificate with the written authorization of the school's superintendent or chief executive officer; and

(3) The principal of a public or private school or an administrator designated by the principal of the school which the child attends.

A principal must self-certify that he or she understands the legal requirements for the issuance of a work certificate and must provide a copy of each work certificate he or she issues along with a copy of the application for the certificate to the superintendent of the school district who can revoke the certificate if there are grounds for which the student is deemed ineligible. A superintendent or chief executive officer may authorize, in writing, another person to issue work certificates in the superintendent's or chief executive officer's absence.

No individual is allowed to issue a work certificate to his or her own child unless the parent, guardian, or designated private tutor is the student's primary educator and is responsible for the student's education program and schedule.

Any hour limitations imposed on the work certificate issued under the provisions of the bill must be based on the calendar of the school which the child attends.