

HB 1052 -- Open School Enrollment

Sponsor: Jones (89)

Beginning in school year 2010-2011, this bill allows a public school student to attend a different school district other than the one in which he or she lives, under conditions specified in the bill. The parent or guardian of the student must declare his or her intent to use open enrollment by January 15 of the preceding school year; and the receiving district must accept the student if there is sufficient classroom space, as specified in the bill. The receiving district must notify the student within five days of his or her acceptance. If there is good cause for missing the deadline, such as a change in residence or health or safety concerns, the open enrollment request can still be processed. The bill contains provisions regarding returning to the school district of residence, the handling of state aid, transportation, special education, reporting of assessment scores, the effect of open enrollment on small schools, and eligibility for interscholastic competition.