

HB 1357 -- STUDENT STUDY PLANS

SPONSOR: Barnes

This bill requires every student to develop, in conjunction with his or her parent or guardian and the school district, a personal plan of study before the end of his or her sixth grade year. The district must adopt all necessary policies to implement a comprehensive guidance and counseling program focusing on specified areas at the various grade levels with the goal of ensuring that each student is career ready after completing technical training, college, or other necessary training required for a student's chosen career.

The school district's policies must include, but are not limited to, active participation by counselors, teachers, administrators, and parents in the development, review, and revision of plans; adequate resources and training for the development of plans; adequate time and opportunity to implement the plans; and access to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's web-based educational and career planning system.

Each plan must cover eight years or until the student has reached his or her postsecondary goals and must be reviewed at least annually by school personnel and the student with the involvement of the student's parents or guardian and updated based upon the needs of the student. The plan must include, but is not limited to, graduation requirements; career or educational goals with course work to support them; and assessments, interest inventories, or academic results necessary to develop, review, and revise the personal plan of study.