

HB 1746 -- COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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This bill establishes the Council for Community Education in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which will consist of 11 members appointed by the Governor. The duties of the council are to conduct feasibility studies on the establishment of community education programs within the state; advise the commissioner and the department on issues relating to community education programs; make recommendations for a state community education plan and a priority system to target resources to the areas with the greatest need; and to make recommendations for funding of local community education programs. The bill defines "community school" as a school that makes its building available for citizen use in community improvement; "community education program" is defined as using a public building as a community center operated by a school board in cooperation with other groups to serve the needs and interests of the community.