

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 27, 2026  
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1006 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, line 15, strike "**rules -**".
- 2 Page 4, strike lines 3 through 14 and substitute:
  - 3 "(d) "RURAL CAMPUS" MEANS A CAMPUS OF AN INSTITUTION OF
  - 4 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS RURAL BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC ISOLATION,
  - 5 POPULATION DENSITY, COMMUNITY, STUDENT ENROLLMENT, OR OTHER
  - 6 FACTORS, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT."
- 7 Page 5, line 16, strike "WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER" and substitute "AS
- 8 SOON AS PRACTICABLE FOLLOWING".
- 9 Page 7, line 7, strike "EDUCATION." and substitute:
  - 10 "EDUCATION;
  - 11 (b) UTILIZE EXISTING METHODS OF COHORTING AND CALCULATING
  - 12 OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE METRICS;"
- 13 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 14 Page 9, after line 13 insert:
  - 15 "(c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPOINT
  - 16 INDIVIDUALS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT MEET THE APPOINTMENT
  - 17 CRITERIA OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SIT ON ANOTHER COUNCIL,
  - 18 COMMISSION, OR STAKEHOLDER GROUP IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION
  - 19 AND REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN."
- 20 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

- 1 Page 9, strike lines 20 through 27.
- 2 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 3 Page 10, strike lines 9 and 10.
- 4 Page 10, strike lines 11 through 15, and substitute:

5           **"SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
8 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
9 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
10 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
11 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
12 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
13 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
14 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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