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HB 2657-2

HB 2657-2 proposes a shift to an attendance based measure referred to Average Daily Attendance (ADA). The bill directs the State Board of Education to calculate days of student's attendance to distribute funding. Doing so would explicitly encourage schools to emphasize attendance where the current fiscal system does not.

HB 2657 recognizes that schools and districts will need a period of time to determine strategies for increasing student attendance, so proposes a phased in implementation period, with full implementation by school year 2020.

> 2016-17: grade kindergarten will have funds distributed via the attendance based measure

> 2017-18: grades K-2 will have funds distributed via the attendance based measure

> 2018-19: grades K-4 will have funds distributed via the attendance based measure

> 2019-20: grades K-8 will have funds distributed via the attendance based measure

> 2020-21: grades K-12 will have funds distributed via the attendance based measure

The attendance based measure will allow for excused student absences and the observation of religious holidays.