

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: Law Abiding Citizens
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB270

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to vote NO on SB-270. Felons in custody should only be given access to distance learning from the prison and only if it doesn't cost the state tax payers anything extra than the costs already put on the states tab for housing and feeding the felon in custody. We should not be in the business of rewarding crime and criminals who have not paid their dues to the society and communities that they have harmed.

Even though there is authority for administrative rules, rules cannot go beyond what the statute calls for. This proposal allows inmates to apply and attend IN PERSON any community college in the state, which raises the question of transportation, guards for safety of students, and WHO PAYS for the schooling, transportation and guards. There isn't a limitation on the degree of conviction (violent felons), which is another issue that adds risk.

Punishment for a crime is not a summer camp to come and go. This bill should be limited to distance programs with good behavior qualifications ONLY. Tax dollars should only be going to law-abiding citizens and any bills coming out of the legislator should have the safety of our communities and society being put first and foremost. Please vote NO on SB-270. Thank you