



**SF0084**

**Education-model student attendance policies.**

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Ellis, Biteman, Brennan and Landen and  
Representative(s) Andrew, Brown and Haroldson

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the state superintendent of public instruction to develop model rules and policies for student attendance; requiring rulemaking; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

1/9/2023 Bill Number Assigned  
1/10/2023 S Received for Introduction  
1/11/2023 S Introduced and Referred to S04 - Education  
1/16/2023 S04 - Education:Recommend Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Biteman, Brennan, Rothfuss, Scott, Steinmetz  
**Ayes 5 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/16/2023 S Placed on General File

**SF0084SS001/ADOPTED**

Page 3-line 12 Delete "July 1, 2023" and insert "December 1, 2023".

Page 3-line 17 Delete "July 1, 2023" and insert "December 1, 2023".SCOTT, CHAIRMAN

1/17/2023 S COW:Passed  
1/18/2023 S 2nd Reading:Passed  
1/19/2023 S 3rd Reading:Passed 31-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, French, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kinskey, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz  
**Ayes 31 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/19/2023 H Received for Introduction  
2/7/2023 H Introduced and Referred to H04 - Education  
2/14/2023 H04 - Education:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allred, Andrew, Berger, Brown, Clouston, Lawley, Northrup, Obermueller, Provenza  
**Ayes 9 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/14/2023 H Placed on General File

**SF0084HS001/ADOPTED**

**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 1-line 3 After "attendance;" insert "modifying the definition of unexcused absence; requiring notice as specified;".

Page 1-line 9 After "21-3-110(a)(xxxix)" insert "and by creating a new paragraph (xl)".

Page 2-line 3 Delete "and" and insert ","; after "willful absenteeism" insert "and parent or guardian requested absences, including for mental health".

Page 2-line 19 After "needs" insert ", including mental health".

Page 2-line 20 Delete ",".

Page 2-lines 21 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 1 Delete "student's mental health".

Page 3-line 2 After "absence." insert "The attendance officer shall notify the school principal and the guidance counselor of the name and grade of any student that has five (5) or more absences due to mental health in any single school year.".

Page 3-after line 8 Insert:

"(x1) Adopt a policy that provides a parent the ability to request a pre-approved excused absence. Pre-approved absences approved by the teacher and agreed to by the parent may include advanced course work, testing or any combination thereof. Due consideration of educational opportunities and student academic performance may be used as evidence to provide acceptance of a pre-approved absence. Nothing in this paragraph shall require a district to pre-approve any absence."

Page 3-line 15 Delete "Section" and insert "section". NORTHROP, CHAIRMAN

2/15/2023 H COW:Passed

**SF0084H2001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 3-after line 8 In the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/A) to this line, after "consideration of" delete "educational opportunities and". PENN

**SF0084H2002/FAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 1-line 3 Delete the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/A) to this line.

Page 1-line 9 Delete the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/A) to this line; delete "and 21-3-110(a)(xxxix) are" and insert "is".

Page 2-lines 9 through 23 Delete entirely including the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/A) to these lines.

Page 3-lines 1 through 8 Delete entirely including the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/A) to these lines.

Page 3-after line 8 Delete the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/A) and the Penn second reading amendment (SF0084H2001/A) to this line. OBERMUELLER, ALLRED, BERGER, HARSHMAN

2/16/2023 H 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/17/2023 H 3rd Reading:Laid Back

**SF0084H3001/WITHDRAWN**

**SF0084H3002/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 3-after line 8 Delete the House standing committee amendment (SF0084HS001/AE) and the Penn second reading amendment (SF0084H2001/AE) to this line and insert:

"(xl) Adopt a policy that provides a parent the ability to request a pre-approved excused absence. A pre-approved absence may include input by the student's teachers and may require advanced coursework, testing or any combination thereof. Due consideration of student academic performance may be used as evidence to provide acceptance of a pre-approved absence. Nothing in this paragraph shall require a district to pre-approve any absence.". ANDREW, BROWN

2/21/2023 H 3rd Reading:Failed 20-38-4-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Haroldson, Heiner, Jennings, Knapp, Locke, Ottman, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Sherwood, Smith, Stith, Styvar, Ward, Washut, Winter

**Nays:** Representative(s) Allred, Berger, Byron, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Conrad, Crago, Davis, Eklund, Harshman, Henderson, Hornok, Larsen, Lloyd, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Niemiec, Northrup, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Pendergraft, Provenza, Slagle, Speaker Sommers, Storer, Tarver, Trujillo, Walters, Western, Wylie, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dan, Zwonitzer, Dave

**Excused:** Representative(s) Brown, Burkhart, Jr, Singh, Strock

**Ayes** 20    **Nays** 38    **Excused** 4    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0