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House Bill 5299 (Substitute H-1)
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5299 (SUBSTITUTE H-1)

The School Code generally requires the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of a child 6 to 16 years old to send the child to a public school throughout a given school year, with various exceptions. The bill would amend the act to specify that, beginning July 1, 1994, mandatory school attendance would be required for a child until he or she turned 18 years old. Also, current provisions in the act to classify of students as juvenile disorderly persons up to age 16 would apply to students up to age 18, beginning July, 1, 1994. The bill would provide a framework for alternative education programs for students 16 years of age or older, and would specify that a child who graduated from high school would not be required to attend school.

Alternative Education Programs. A pupil age 16 or older required to attend school could, as opposed to attending a regular K-12 school program, complete his or her graduation requirements by successfully completing one or more of the following:

- * A Department of Education-approved alternative education program;
- * A program of vocational education that included apprenticeship or work study, or both; or
- * A program of independent study conducted through a school district and approved by the department.

A student age 16 or older who was enrolled in a vocational education program would have to attend at least 15 hours per week of classes of an academic nature that normally would be credited toward graduation.

Economic Hardship. A student age 16 or older required to attend school who was working due to economic hardship or family need, provided satisfactory proof of regular employment, and was enrolled in an alternative school program could satisfy attendance requirements by attending an alternative program or regular school for at least 20 hours per week of academic-like classes that normally would be credited toward high school graduation.

Other Programs. Upon request by the board of a constituent school district, an intermediate school district or a consortium of intermediate school districts could provide services or conduct cooperative educational programs similar to those specified in the bill, and could charge the school district for the cost of providing these.

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