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Senate Bill 344 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator John Proos
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to allow a school district or public school academy to notate a pupil's transcript or diploma to indicate that the pupil had earned a STEM endorsement if he or she, in addition to completing all applicable requirements of the Michigan Merit standard for a high school diploma, successfully completed six or more credits in mathematics, six or more credits in science, and at least one half credit featuring significant course work involving technology activities, and at least one half credit featuring significant course work involving engineering activities, while in grades 7 to 12.

Proposed MCL 380.1278d

Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Education since the bill would not mandate STEM endorsements.

At the local level, costs could vary depending on whether schools decided to notate transcripts or diplomas with a STEM endorsement. If schools needed to redesign multiple classroom curricula to meet Department guidelines or add classes, then schools would have to spend resources that could be needed elsewhere. The costs of confirming that students met the qualifications for a STEM endorsement would be minor and fit within the current costs of determining whether a student meets current graduation requirements. Due to variations in schools' decisions to issue STEM endorsements and cost variations, it is not possible to estimate an average cost.

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