

Subject Attendance
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Overview

This bill requires districts to report specific data on student attendance to the commissioner and requires the commissioner to report the data on the department website. It expands the list of persons to whom a parent can report an absence, and requires schools to evaluate principals on their efforts to address the causes of student absenteeism.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Legitimate exemptions. [Compulsory instruction] Allows a parent to report an absence to additional staff at the school. Requires a school attendance policy to require a parent to verify in writing the reason for the child's absence.
2	Issuing and reporting excuses. [Compulsory instruction] Requires the district clerk to keep a record of both excused and nonexcused absences and report data relating to absences to the commissioner.
3	Duties; evaluation. [Principals] Requires a principal's annual evaluation to use data on student attendance and identify a principal's efforts to address the causes of student absenteeism.
4	Attendance reports. Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms, including "chronically absent" and "excessively absent." Subd. 2. State reporting system. Requires the commissioner to establish a reporting system for districts and charter schools to report attendance data to the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to report the district and charter data on the department website.



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