

HB 854 -- Alternative Education Programs

Sponsor: Holland

This bill expands alternative education programs to include an elementary grades component. Existing programs must expand to include an elementary component within three years. Safe schools grants may be continued to allow this expansion. Funding from the line 14 "at-risk" categorical and line 16 vocational categorical may be used to maintain the programs. The General Assembly must fund 100% of the additional costs per pupil for the expansion to elementary grades. Technical provisions concerning location of programs and funding are included in the bill.