

HB 1750 -- Lapse of School Districts

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This bill changes the laws to prevent a school district from moving back and forth between unaccredited and provisionally accredited status. If a school district that has been classified as unaccredited within the past five years and has become provisionally accredited should lose its provisional accreditation, it will lapse on June 30 or at a later date determined by the State Board of Education.

The required hearing on the plans for continuing educational programs after lapse must be held at least 60 days before the district lapses. A special administrative board, which may be appointed by the state board to monitor an unaccredited district, is also given standing to enjoin school board actions that might result in wastage of assets. The state board is given the option of permitting a lapsed district to continue to operate under its existing governance structure according to terms and conditions the board establishes. A prohibition on attaching a lapsed district with more than 5,000 students to another district without the approval of the board of the receiving school district is removed.