

HB 2482 -- Open School Enrollment

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Beginning in school year 2009-2010, this bill allows public school students to choose to attend a different school district from the one in which they live, under conditions specified in the bill. Students must declare their intent to use open enrollment by January 15 for the following school year, and the receiving district must accept the students if there is sufficient classroom space, as specified in the bill. The receiving district must notify the student within five days or by March 1 of his or her acceptance. If there is good cause for missing the deadline, such as a change in residence or health or safety concerns, the open enrollment request can still be acted on outside the official time window. The bill contains provisions regarding school finance, transportation, suspended or expelled students, intradistrict choice, vocational-technical schools, and evaluation of credit and grade placement.