

HB 2458 -- VIRTUAL SCHOOLS AND CAREER EDUCATION

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This bill authorizes public and charter high schools to provide a career and technical education program including the opportunity for students to earn industry-recognized certifications, participate in work-based learning, and earn college credit.

This bill also authorizes accredited public schools and charter schools with annual performance scores of 70% or higher to host a virtual public school of choice. Schools hosting a virtual school must use a unified virtual curriculum, allow students to learn at a flexible pace, use certified teachers to oversee instruction, and develop individualized learning plans for all students.

Students may enroll full-time in a virtual public school of choice. If a student enrolls in a virtual public school hosted by a district other than the district of residence, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall pay the district hosting the virtual public school a portion of the state aid received by the district of residence, as described in the bill.

This bill is similar to SB 360 (2017).