

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 718, Page 5, Section 160.545, Line 132, by  
2 inserting after all of the said section and line the following:  
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4 "160.565. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Extended Learning Opportunities  
5 Act".

6 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

7 (1) "Extended learning opportunity", an out-of-classroom learning experience that is approved by the  
8 state board of education, a school board, or a charter school and that provides a student with:

9 (a) Enrichment opportunities;

10 (b) Career readiness or employability skills opportunities including, but not limited to, internships;  
11 preapprenticeships; or apprenticeships; or

12 (c) Any other approved educational opportunity;

13 (2) "Parent", a student's parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of such student;

14 (3) "Student", any child attending an elementary or secondary public school in grades kindergarten  
15 through twelve.

16 3. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the state board of education and each local school board  
17 shall routinely inform students and parents of the ability for students to earn credit for participating in  
18 extended learning opportunities. Employees of the state board of education and public schools may assist  
19 students and parents in completing enrollment processes required for participating in approved extended  
20 learning opportunities. Students shall be required to obtain permission from the student's school district or  
21 charter school to enroll in an extended learning opportunity. Before participating in any extended learning  
22 opportunity, the student and at least one parent shall sign an agreement detailing all program requirements in  
23 a form developed by the state board of education.

24 4. An extended learning opportunity shall count as a credit toward graduation requirements and the  
25 achievement of applicable state standards for students in grades nine to twelve. To receive credit, a student  
26 shall submit a written request for credit and proof of successful completion of the extended learning  
27 opportunity to a designated administrator of the school the student attends.

28 5. The state board of education shall adopt, and each local school district shall distribute and  
29 implement, extended learning opportunities policies that provide all of the following:

30 (1) An application process for accepting and approving extended learning opportunities offered for

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1 credit from outside entities;

2 (2) A list of entities that are eligible to submit applications to offer extended learning opportunities  
3 including, but not limited to:

4 (a) Nonprofit organizations;

5 (b) Businesses with established locations;

6 (c) Trade associations; and

7 (d) The Armed Forces of the United States, subject to applicable age requirements;

8 (3) A process for students and parents to request credit;

9 (4) Criteria that school districts and charter schools shall use to determine whether a proposed  
10 extended learning opportunity shall be approved; and

11 (5) Criteria that school districts and charter schools shall use to award a certificate of completion and  
12 credit for completing an extended learning opportunity including, but not limited to, allowing a student to  
13 demonstrate competencies through performance-based assessments and other methods independent of  
14 instructional time and credit hours.

15 6. An entity approved by the state board of education to offer an extended learning opportunity shall  
16 be automatically qualified to offer that extended learning opportunity to all school districts and charter  
17 schools.

18 7. A student who successfully completes an approved extended learning opportunity and satisfies  
19 criteria for the award of a certification of completion and credit under subdivision (5) of subsection 5 of this  
20 section shall be considered to have completed all required coursework for the particular course. In an  
21 extended learning opportunity that satisfies all required coursework for a high school course, the student shall  
22 also be considered to have satisfied the equivalent number of credits toward the student's graduation  
23 requirements.

24 8. Any policy or procedure adopted by the state board of education, a school board, or a charter  
25 school for participating in an extended learning opportunity shall provide every student an equal opportunity  
26 to participate and shall satisfy established timelines and requirements for purposes of transcribing credits and  
27 state reporting.

28 9. The state board of education may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.  
29 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority  
30 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions  
31 of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter are nonseverable, and if any of  
32 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or  
33 to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority  
34 and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void."; and

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36 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.