

HB 577 -- INDIVIDUAL CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLAN

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Currently, Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP) are optional. This bill requires students to develop an ICAP which must be reviewed annually, by school personnel, the student, and the student's parent or guardian. The bill adds the requirement that the ICAP include a declaration of the student's postsecondary plan (Section 167.903, RSMo).

This bill requires that beginning July 1, 2024, school districts must have a process that requires students in public and charter schools to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before being eligible for a certificate of graduation. Exemptions to this requirement include enlistment in the Armed Forces, or parental consent (Section 167.907).

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2171 (2022).