

HB 1863 -- AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Plank

This bill ends the current pilot program for agriculture education in elementary schools in the 2024-25 school year and requires that beginning in the 2025-26 school year the program be implemented by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) statewide for all elementary schools. The Department shall convene a work group to develop academic performance standards as outlined in the bill and the State Board of Education shall adopt the standards for the 2025-26 school year and review such standards every 10 years to reflect best practices and trends.

This bill is similar to HB 1092 (2023).