

HCS HB 32 -- ADULT HIGH SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Davidson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 20 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 32.

Currently to enroll in an adult high school as outline in sections 160.2700 to 160.2725 an individual must be 21 years of age.

This bill changes the age for enrollment for adult high schools in the state to 18.

A student who transfers from a local education agency to an adult high school will be considered a transfer student and not a dropout student by the state for the purposes of the compiling and tracking dropout rates.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this program has been very successful over the last five years and that over 1,200 students have completed the program. Not only are the adult high schools providing alternative opportunities for students, but they are providing a skilled workforce-ready group of graduates.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Davidson and MERS Goodwill.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.