

HCS HB 1757 -- TESTING OF GIFTED STUDENTS (Shields)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

This bill requires school districts beginning in the 2027-28 school year to provide universal screenings for all students at least once before 3rd grade for the purpose of identifying potential gifted students. The bill outlines the screening requirements that provide a body of current, valid, and reliable evidence gathered from a minimum of two areas outlined in the bill. The screening must be reviewed by at least three staff members trained in testing, administration, or gifted education. A child not meeting the criteria on a single screening does not prevent the child from being identified as gifted.

The bill requires districts to establish a process for the universal screenings, annual notification to parents, and the identification of students for gifted programs using criteria recommended by the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children and the State Board of Education.