

HB 621 -- High School Dropout Prevention

Sponsor: Holsman

Beginning with school year 2012-2013, this bill requires a student who is older than the district's compulsory school age and who wants to drop out of high school to attend a dropout prevention seminar. A school district must offer the seminar based on requirements established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. A seminar must be at least four hours in duration, may include talks by specified persons such as employers and former dropouts, and must not be held during regular school hours. A district may charge an enrollment fee of up to \$45, which will be refunded if the student subsequently graduates from the school at which he or she attends the seminar.

The provisions of the bill expire six years from the effective date.