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## **Dual Enrollment Expansion**

**Senate Bills 622(H-2), 623(H-2), 709(H-1), and 710(H-2)**, as reported out of the House Education Committee, would broaden the current guidelines for dual enrollment participation by amending the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and the Career and Technical Education Act.

### **Highlights of the Bills:**

- Expands the definition of "eligible student" to include nonpublic school students enrolled in a high school course.
- Expands "eligible course" to include a course offered by an eligible postsecondary institution for postsecondary credit.
- Eliminates the 11th grade minimum requirement to participate in dual enrollment courses.
- Directs the State Treasurer to pay for course costs for nonpublic pupils.
- Allows each eligible student to enroll in 2 courses during each academic year in the first, second, and third academic years, and 4 courses during the fourth academic year.

### **Issues/Concerns:**

- Students would be allowed to participate in dual enrollment by taking only ONE high school course - regardless of age.
- Statute should also require postsecondary institutions to award credit for any dual-enrollment course for which a student successfully completes (receives credit). This is not current practice at several universities.
- These bills increase the drain on state revenues with private-school pupils accessing higher education tuition free, using School Aid Fund dollars.

**These bills have passed the Senate and are currently on the House Floor.**