

Provide Alternative Pathways to a Diploma

Relevant Legislation



What state legislation is relevant to this recommendation?

The **GradMinnesota Legislative and Advocacy Subcommittee** is charged with advocating at the legislature to build awareness, influence best practice, and pass legislation to achieve *GradMinnesota's* [Priority Recommendations](#). Below are the existing and proposed bills that have been identified by the subcommittee as aligning with Priority Recommendation #7: Provide alternative pathways and additional time to earn a diploma. *GradMinnesota* will continue to update this list as new legislation is introduced. Please contact info@mnyouth.net if you are aware of existing or proposed legislation that should be added to this list.

Please see GradMinnesota's [process for reviewing legislation](#).

Bills introduced in previous sessions

[HF2223](#): Latino student graduation rate and higher education enrollment grants created for a pilot program, and money appropriated. (Mullery and other, 02/25/2014)

[HF1506](#): Career and college improved readiness provided, high school graduation exams aligned with college readiness, funding provided, and money appropriated. (Erickson, S. and other, 03/13/2013)

[HF0924](#): Assorted K-12 School Finance Changes - State aid increased for developmental screening, students over the age of 21 who attend a contract alternative program authorized to continue to receive instruction at that school until graduation, pupil transportation options modified, and school district bonding authority extended. (Davnie, 02/25/2013)

[HF0558](#): Removing the math GRAD exception - Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma mathematics exception removed, and high school assessments established to determine college and career readiness. (Downey and others, 02/17/2011)

[HF0374](#): Early high school graduation with a standard diploma allowed. (Kahn and others, 02/07/2011)

[HF0047](#): At-risk and off-track students alternative routes to standard diploma pursued. (Mariani and others, 01/10/2011)

[SF1656](#): High school graduation requirements and academic standards revision authorization required by the legislature - Relating to education; requiring the legislature to authorize any cyclical revisions of academic standards and high school graduation requirements. (Erickson and others, 03/01/2012)

[HF0086](#): Compulsory attendance age increased for high school graduation. (Mariani and others, 01/13/2011)

[SF19](#): Compulsory school attendance age increase. (Wiger, 01/08/2015)

[SF1872](#): Minneapolis urban league 13th grade appropriation - Relating to education; appropriating money for a grant to the Minneapolis urban league for the 13th grade. (Hayden and other, 03/18/2015)

For more information on Minnesota legislation relevant to providing alternative pathways to a diploma see:
124D.09 POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ACT. Subdivision 1. Citation. This section may be cited the "Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act." Subd. 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high school pupils by encouraging and enabling secondary pupils to enroll full time or part time in nonsectarian courses or programs in eligible postsecondary institutions, as defined in subdivision 3. Subd. 3. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given to them. (a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private, nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an opportunities industrialization center accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, or a private, residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts, degree-granting college or university located in Minnesota.