

HB 2794 -- CAREER LITERACY

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This bill requires that students in the eighth grade complete a career assessment, meet with a guidance counselor, and develop a personal plan of study or individual career and academic plan (ICAP). Beginning in the 2025-26 school year students in ninth through 12th grade must annually review and complete the ICAP with the assistance of a teacher or counselor. Students in grades kindergarten through 12th will receive instruction in career literacy which will be incorporated into existing curricula and academic and performance standards.

For grades Kindergarten through grade two such instruction must be a minimum of 30 minutes per week, for grades three through five, one hour per week, and in grades six through 12 two hours of instruction is required.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must establish an online portfolio process for student tracking and a collaborative process to help students align with graduation requirements, personal interests, labor market needs, and career goals. The bill specifies career and educational opportunities in which the Department will educate students.

The bill repeals the "Career Readiness Course Task Force" dissolved in 2019.