

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Consistent with the Governor's Licensing Freedom Act, this bill seeks to eliminate barriers to performing licensed work. Chapter 13, Title 33 establishes provisions for educational interpreters. Additionally, Chapter 29, Title 54 sets out licensing requirements for individuals providing interpreting services. Individuals who are providing interpreting services as education interpreters pursuant to the requirements in Chapter 13, Title 33, are exempt from the licensing requirements in Chapter 29, Title 54. To qualify for this exemption, the individual is required to be interpreting in a kindergarten through grade 12 educational setting. School districts provide educational services to students with disabilities that meet the definition of school age and fall outside of the kindergarten through grade 12 range. In these cases, school districts are required to hire a licensed interpreter at an increased cost. The proposed amendment would change the reference to grade ranges in the education interpreter provisions to the statutorily defined term of "school age." This will allow for school districts to use education interpreters for students that fall outside of the grade range while still meeting the school age definition. These students are students with disabilities that the school districts are required to provide services for through the Individuals with Disability Education Act.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be no fiscal impact to the state. Interpreters are hired and funded at the local school level. The amendments could result in cost savings to the school district as educational interpreters are generally hired at a lower rate than licensed interpreters.

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