

**HB 2170-S2 - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Establishes the career pathways act.

Facilitates increased opportunities for work-based learning and internships for high school students and teachers, as well as mentorships for the business community in public schools.

Creates structures to encourage greater connections between businesses, schools, and institutions of higher education.

Makes career exploration a routine part of middle and high school instruction and encourages students to select career goals or majors while in middle and high school, with flexibility to change them based on further exploration.

Informs parents and students of career opportunities that are tied to the needs of the local, regional, and state economy.

Emphasizes the dignity and economic value of nonbaccalaureate career pathways equally with baccalaureate pathways.

Increases completion rates at all levels of secondary and postsecondary education and student success after completion.