

HB 483 -- EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

SPONSOR: Baker

This bill establishes the "Extended Learning Opportunities Act". The bill defines an "extended learning opportunity" as an out-of-classroom learning experience as approved by a local school board or a charter school and that provides a student with:

- (1) Enrichment opportunities;
- (2) Career readiness or employability skills opportunities including, but not limited to, internships; preapprenticeships; or apprenticeships; or
- (3) Any other approved educational opportunities.

The bill requires that by the 2024-25 school year local school boards must inform students of the opportunity to participate and earn credit for extended learning opportunities. Each local school districts shall adopt, distribute, and implement extended learning policies that include an application process, a list of eligible entities offering extended learning opportunities, the process for receiving credit, and criteria for approval and completion.

The bill provides instruction on how students may receive credit for extended learning opportunities for course work and toward graduation requirements.

This bill is similar to SCS HB 1856 (2022).