

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 450 Service-Learning Programs/Grades K-12 by Senator Fasano

Defines "service learning" as a student-centered, research-based teaching and learning strategy that engages students in meaningful service activities in their schools or communities. Requires that the Department of Education (DOE) encourage school districts to initiate, adopt, expand, and institutionalize service-learning programs, activities, and policies in kindergarten through grade 12.

Requires that the DOE, upon request, assist a school district that elects to implement service-learning activities.

Provides that the hours that a high school student devotes to course-based, service-learning activities may be counted toward meeting community service requirements for high school graduation and community service requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. (See bill for details)