Chairman Heinert & Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Lisa Feldner. I'm testifying on behalf of yes. every kid. We are excited to support this bill.

yes. every kid. supports Learn Everywhere initiatives across the country. North Dakota was one of the first states to approve this legislation. Unfortunately last session, the bill was amended and prescribed a very cumbersome process, not to mention what followed in administrative rule. As a result, only one school district was able to take advantage of Learn Everywhere.

We welcome this bill as it removes the barriers in the initial bill and will allow students to get credit for learning outside the classroom.

We ask for a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1521. Thank you.
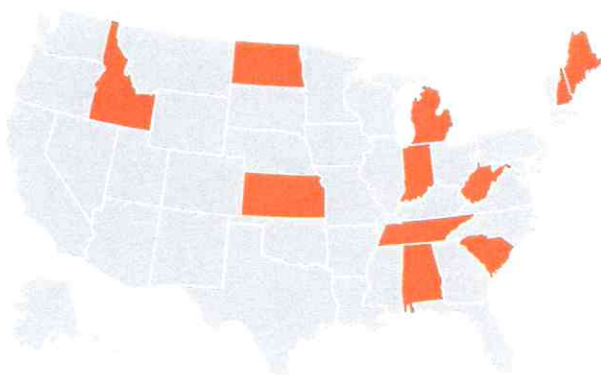
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Where did your most important life lessons come from: inside or outside of a classroom? For most of us, a lot of learning happens outside of school. Students should get credit for learning no matter where learning happens. It should be easy for students to demonstrate that their experience outside of school has already taught them the knowledge and skills that some of their academic courses are intended to provide.

Learn Everywhere policies give students the opportunity to earn credit for the skills they developed outside the classroom.

THE IDEAL POLICY

- A state establishes criteria and a process for organizations (public, private, nonprofit, and for-profit) to apply to be Learn Everywhere providers.
- The state creates a public online catalog featuring all approved Learn Everywhere providers.
- Students in all grade levels may earn education credit from these approved Learn Everywhere providers.

WHERE IT'S DONE

Eleven states have passed laws creating Learn Everywhere programs.

However, Idaho and Alabama are the only states that require students in all grades to receive credit for their Learn Everywhere experiences.