

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Westlund, Walker

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Exc.: Morse

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows school districts to admit students up to the age of 21 years. Defines “person in a parental relationship” for determining school district residency. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Situations in which definition of “person in parental relationship” is applicable
- Exception for child with disability

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores statute that permits students whose residence is determined by public or private agencies to stay in school district attended prior to placement through the end of the highest grade level offered. Retains statute governing residency of children with disabilities.

BACKGROUND: A “person in a parental relationship” for purposes of school district residency has not previously been defined. Districts interpret it in different ways and some rely only on the defined terms “parents” and “guardians” in determining residency. Similarly, districts inconsistently interpret the provision requiring that education be provided to students up to 21 years of age if they have not earned a diploma. This bill attempts to clarify that districts may provide education to those students but is not required to.