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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits school district to request waiver from Department of Education that allows district to administer grade 10 assessment from contractor other than state-selected contractor. Requires department to grant waiver for 2008-2009 only if district had contract to administer grade 10 assessment for 2007-2008 school year and contractor meets same criteria as state-selected contractor. Permits State Board of Education to adopt rules to waive grade 10 assessment for specific groups of students. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of assessments for Advanced Placement credit
- Expiration of waiver process during 2009 Legislative Session
- Liability provisions
- Impact on out-of-state transfer students
- Notification procedures
- Changes in behavior due to information received through notification
- Current notification requirements
- Effective date for charter schools
- Offenses included
- Best interests of the youth charged
- Inclusion of an emergency clause
- Operative date
- Issues covered by administrative rules

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2263 (2007) required the Department of Education to contract with a non-profit entity to administer a nationally-normed assessment to all public school students in grade 10. Several school districts are using a vendor to administer this type of assessment within their districts. Currently, districts using a vendor other than the one chosen by the department to administer the statewide contract would not be permitted to continue use of the same test. House Bill 3600-A would allow school districts to continue to use a vendor other than the one selected to administer the statewide contract for the 2008-2009 academic year only.

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