

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies amount of State School Fund that Department of Education shall receive for instruction of certain hospitalized children and children in long-term care or treatment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of hospitalized and children in long-term care served
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes requirement for State Board of Education to adopt rules to make students enrolled in hospital programs and long-term care or treatment programs equivalent to students enrolled in common and union high school district for purposes of distribution of the State School Fund. Removes emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Education reports that costs for educating children in hospital programs and long-term care or treatment programs are rising faster than statutory reimbursement rates. Senate Bill 70A was requested by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to respond to these rising costs and ensure that the department receives funds to cover the cost of these students' education.