

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Education to pay costs of educating students in residential treatment programs by contracting with school districts in which program are located. Directs school districts to ensure that students in residential treatment programs within their districts receive educational services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Residential care facilities chosen for treatment not educational programs
- Drug treatment centers
- Gaps created by private insurance limitations
- Billing and accounting challenges
- Day treatment facilities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, students who are placed in residential treatment facilities outside of individual education program processes may experience interruption of their education due to changing responsibility for funding education services. House Bill 2281 establishes that the Department of Education is responsible for funding the education of these students and school districts in which the residential treatment facilities are located are responsible for identifying qualifying students and providing the educational services. This modifies current statute which identifies the responsibility with the school district in which the student's home is located.