

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Komp  
**Prepared By:** Victoria Cox, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 3/9, 4/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires district school boards to adopt attendance notification policies and specifies the required elements. Provides options for parents to determine method of notification. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Lack of statewide policy
- Impact on schools
- Automated systems
- Timing of notification

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows parents or guardians to determine method of notification by providing written request.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3197-A directs school districts to adopt policies regarding students' unplanned absences. The policies will require schools to contact the parent or guardian of an absent student by the end of the school day, either in person or directly by telephone, or to leave a message if contact cannot be made. Parents have the option of requesting alternate notification methods in writing. Notice of the absence is to be reported to the attendance supervisor, who will investigate.