

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, George, Morse, Shields, Hass
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/31

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Necessity of bill for statewide policy consistency
- Systems and personnel for notification
- Methods and timing of notice to parent
- Impact on schools

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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.