

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue and then Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Komp, Gelser, Wingard
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Huffman, Parrish
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/30, 4/4, 4/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Education to be responsible for payment of costs of educating students in day treatment programs by contracting with school district in which program is located. Directs school district in which day treatment program is located to ensure education is provided to students in program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of students currently in day treatment (488)
- Weighted funding provided to districts as most students qualify for special education services
- Requirements to provide free appropriate public education
- Students in day treatment currently funded through other mechanisms
- Protection for nonprofits currently providing education services without reimbursement

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

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, many students in day treatment programs for emotional disturbance and mental health issues may not be receiving the education services to which they are entitled. House Bill 3599 addresses the issue by clarifying that the district in which such a program is located is responsible for locating, identifying and evaluating students under treatment and for ensuring that the students receive appropriate educational services. Additionally, the measure places the responsibility for paying for these services on the Department of Education.