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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Conger, Davis, Gelser, Read, Vega Pederson, Barnhart
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/11, 4/22

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Revises, for purposes of assigning additional weights in the State School Fund (SSF) distribution, the data collection method of identifying students in poverty families. Specifies that the weights from the revised method first apply to the SSF distribution in the 2014-15 school year. Takes effect on July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Need for using more up-to-date information on students in poverty families
- Identifying process of students in poverty families
- Sideboards for rules to be adopted in the new method
- Need to look at the entire SSF distribution formula

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Specifies certain data sources be used in the method to be adopted.

BACKGROUND: The new data collection method to be adopted under the bill will facilitate better identification of students in poverty families. It will incorporate information from the U.S. Census Bureau, student data provided by local school districts and other relevant sources. The new method will most likely result in aggregate weights attributed to students in poverty families that are different from those calculated under the current method. The method is yet to be developed and the extent of aggregate weight change is yet to be known.

While this bill does not change the total formula revenue available for distribution to school districts and educations service districts in a given school year, the new method enhances the probability that the money follows students in need, as it uses more timely and readily updateable information.

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