

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Roblan, Hass

Nays: 0

Exc.: Kruse

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Meeting Dates: 5/14, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: For district school board that admits nonresident students by giving consent or that charges nonresident students tuition, describes student characteristics board is prohibited from considering when determining whether to give consent or accept nonresident student or when establishing terms of consent or amount of tuition. Describes information and other factors that district school board may request or consider prior to giving consent or accepting nonresident student. Allows district school board to limit number of students to whom board will give consent.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Non-discrimination as goal of measure
- Public schools as open schools; if a school is open, it should not be able to use subjective or otherwise potentially problematic language
- Success of current process, based on dialogue and exchange
- Concerns that further restrictions will remove control from schools and local communities, discourage or stop transfers entirely

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3681 (2011), which allowed open enrollment and expanded inter-district transfer options, took effect January 1, 2012. As a result of that measure, currently there are three main methods of inter-district transfer: Open Enrollment; Consent-based transfers; and Tuition-based transfers. House Bill 2747-A pertains to Consent- and Tuition-based transfers, and limits the type of information that may be requested by the school in any sort of application-type form.