

HB 4009

Relating to students admitted to pediatric nursing facilities

HB 4009 requires the Department of Education to provide educational services for students with disabilities who are living full-time, in the Providence Pediatric Nursing Facility in Portland, who have high level of medical needs. Students admitted to the Providence facility are not considered a resident of the Portland Public School (PPS) unless their parents reside within the district. PPS will continue to serve these students through contract with the Department of Education. The bill establishes the Pediatric Nursing Facility Account within the State School Fund (SSF) and annual transfers will be made to this fund from the SSF. This will be a “carve-out” within the SSF and will result in a decrease of approximately \$1.80/ADMw for school districts receiving distributions from the SSF. PPS currently receives \$500,000 to provide services to these students and this will more fully reimburse PPS for the expenses associated with these students.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval of HB 4009.