

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

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Yeas:	Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser
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Exc.:	Fagan
Prepared By:	Richard Donovan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/3, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises calculations for State School Fund and School Improvement Fund as they apply to funding of programs for students in Youth Corrections Education and Juvenile Detention Programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Enrollment fluctuation in juvenile detention and corrections facilities “playing havoc” on planning process, specifically the twice/year enrollment assessment that requires payment of funds previously distributed if enrollment is lower than projected
- Desire to make juvenile detention and corrections facilities funding mechanism align with state practices
- Funding of juvenile detention and corrections facilities presented as an issue of equity
- Concern with lack of transparency for proposed funding changes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Weighted average daily membership (ADMw) is the term used to describe the per-pupil funds that schools receive from the State School Fund. ADMw is calculated annually, and most schools are funded based upon the larger ADMw for that school from the previous two years. This allows those schools smoother budget planning processes given fluctuations in population. Juvenile Detention and Youth Corrections schools are not funded in this manner, and have greater fluctuation in ADMw disbursements from year to year. The committee took testimony on the topic of this bill on January 15, 2014, during Interim Legislative days. House Bill 2097 (2013), which addressed this issue, was considered by the Committee during the 2013 Legislative Session but remained in committee on sine die.