

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Whisnant, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: Sprenger

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits district school board from imposing time limitation on consent given to resident student to attend schools of another school district. Requires district school board to give consent to enable student whose legal residence changes to different school district during school year to complete school year in school district. Allows district school board that administers lottery selection process to give priority for 2014-2015 school year to nonresident students who received consent from board for 2013-2014 school year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure as dealing only with interdistrict transfers, not open enrollment or tuition transfers
- Focus on continuity of enrollment, stability and predictability for student experience
- Extensive vetting of measure ahead of committee hearing; no known opposition

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently there are three main methods by which a student may attend public school in another school district that is not the student's resident district: interdistrict transfer (consent); contract (tuition); and, open enrollment, enacted as a result of House Bill 3681 (2011). House Bill 2747 (2013) refined the interdistrict transfer process by limiting the type of information a school could request in an application for a consent- or tuition-based transfer. This measure makes three changes to the transfer process. The measure:

- Allows students currently on interdistrict transfers to have preference in interdistrict transfer determinations for the 2014-15 school year.
- Clarifies that if a resident student moves during a school year, both districts must give consent for the student to complete the school year in the school district in which the student was enrolled prior to the move.
- Clarifies that sending districts may not limit the duration of a transfer to another district.

The committee received testimony on a draft version of House Bill 4007 on January 16, 2014, during Interim Legislative Days.