

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

SB 898

Relating to education

SB 898, as amended, would suspend for the 2015-16 school year adding any further districts that receive State School Fund resources for students participating in what is referred to as 5th year high school programs. School districts that have previously had these programs would continue to receive the funding. Students participating in these programs have generally met their graduation requirements but continue to be enrolled in the district while attending a community college or other post-secondary institution. Schools continue to receive credit for these students in the distribution of school formula revenues.

It is anticipated that there will be an examination of the issues surrounding these programs in the interim which could lead to legislation during the 2016 session. After the 2015-16 school year, the current law is reinstated.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 898 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.