

House Committee On Education

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/19/16

Action: Do Pass With Amendments To The A-Eng Bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/19

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends, for two years, sunset on provisions that allow student whose legal residence is not within school district to attend school in district as resident if student receives written consent.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of open enrollment, beginning with HB 3681 (2011)
- Value of increased transfer options generally to students and parents
- Confusing, complicated nature of existing transfer options
- Desire to continue discussions on topic of transfer, with goal of potential legislation for 2017 session

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Resolves conflicts with other measures.

BACKGROUND:

Currently there are three main methods by which a student may attend public school in a school district that is not the student's resident district: interdistrict transfer (consent); contract (tuition); and, open enrollment. House Bill 3681 (2011) created the open enrollment transfer option, in which only the receiving district must agree to receive transferring students. The provisions of House Bill 3681 creating open enrollment are repealed on July 1, 2017.

Senate Bill 1566-B extends the sunset on the provisions of law created by House Bill 3681, through 2019.