

**HB 2246**

**Relating to the High School Graduation and College & Career Readiness Act**

HB 2246 amends language in Ballot Measure 98 that establishes the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund which provides additional funding to school districts for Career and Technical Education, accelerated learning for high school students, and for drop-out prevention.

The bill changes the Ballot Measure's language in part to provide more flexibility to school districts and other changes including: Allowing smaller and medium sized districts to spend grant funds in one or two of the three areas depending on the amount of the annual grant (for districts receiving over \$350,000, funds must be used in all three areas); allowing that up to 15% of the grant program funds may be used on behalf of 8th graders; changing the planning and assessment requirements on the use of the Ballot Measure funds; and changing the definition of chronic absenteeism.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2246 be reported out do pass.