

SB 182

**Relating to professional development for educators
in early learning through grade 12**

SB 182 establishes the Educator Advancement Council charged with duties related to distributing resources for professional learning supports for educators. The bill also sets in motion the planning and development of local educator networks which will identify professional learning needs of the educators in their area. Local networks should be able to leverage additional resources from local districts and other sources.

During the first year of the 2017-19 biennium, the Council and local networks will organize and begin planning their activities. During the second year, the local networks become eligible to receive funds through state programs such as mentoring. The statewide Council will become more involved in prioritizing state spending for educator professional development. Starting in 2019-21, the Educator Advancement Council replaces the current Network for Quality Teaching and Learning as the primary vehicle for guiding state funded educator professional development. The Council is required to report to the Legislature by January 15, 2018 on its progress and planning.

SB 182 also changes the biennial adjustment for the current carve-out from the State School Fund for the Network for Quality Teaching and Learning. Currently, the adjustment is equal to the growth in the State School Fund. The bill changes this to the inflation factor used by state agencies in developing their budgets.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 182 be amended by the –A9 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.