

LC 75 (6/17/20) STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Interim Committee on the First Special Session of 2020

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Raises cap on virtual charter school enrollment to 3.5 percent for the 2020-2021 school year. Allows students enrolling for 2020-2021 to remain enrolled until the districts' cap of three percent is reached again.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, enrollment in virtual charter schools is capped at three percent of any school district's student population if the virtual charter school is not sponsored by that school district. COVID-19 has led to increased interest in virtual schools among parents. LC 75 raises the three percent cap to 3.5 percent for the 2020-2021 school year only and allows students enrolling for 2020-2021 to remain enrolled until the districts' cap of three percent is reached again.