

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 790

Relating to violations of laws prohibiting harming students.

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gelser Blouin

SB 790 provides criteria for the Department of Human Services to determine responsibility of a public education program in a case of substantiated child abuse.

The definition of 'abuse' is modified to include the restraint, seclusion, and/or infliction of corporal punishment of a child in violation of existing public education restraint, seclusion, and student conduct statutes.

The measure requires the Department of Human Services to submit a quarterly report on child abuse investigations in public education programs to the interim legislative committees related to child welfare.

The -A12 amendment includes \$205,644 General Fund, \$341,894 Federal Funds for two permanent full-time Investigator 3 positions to process the increased workload.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 790 be amended by the -A12 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.