

HB 2767 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Action Date: 05/10/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Marsh, Nathanson, Nguyen D, Reschke, Smith G, Walters

Exc: 1 - Levy B

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes requirements for approving recovery schools. Prescribes standards and funding provisions related to approved recovery schools. Takes effect on July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for alternative education plans for students recovering from substance abuse
- Current funding method for the school
- Amendment to remove an exception to an Individualized Education Plan cap for recovery school students
- Different funding methods of consideration to fund recovery schools
- Gradual increase in the number of recovery schools over time

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Limits the number of recovery schools over the next three biennia. Removes an exception to Individualized Education Plan cap for recovery school students.

BACKGROUND:

The measure prescribes that recovery schools be funded by the State School Fund (SSF) and money from the Statewide Education Initiative Account (SEIA). The Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) funds the SEIA.

For allocations from the SSF, the measure specifies that an approved recovery school receives, for each student, the amount equal to a General Purpose Grant per average daily membership (ADM) of the school district in which the school is located.

Currently, the only recovery school in the state is funded as a public charter school. With the changes in the measure, recovery schools will be part of alternative education and provide educational services to students recovering from substance abuse disorders. The measure's proposed funding method from the SSF to approved recovery schools is not materially different from the current method. Moreover, the measure does not create a new carve-out and does not add to nor subtract from the formula revenue available to school districts.