

March 12, 2009

H 584. SCHOOL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY/PILOT PROGRAM. Filed 3/12/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM.*

Directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to establish the *School Funding Flexibility Pilot Program* (Pilot Program) in 10 local school administrative units (LEAs). Requires the SBE, with assistance from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), to identify a pilot pool of 20 LEAs that are considered high performing based on a composite score that takes into account, at minimum, the following criteria: (1) composite scores on end-of-grade and end-of-course tests, weighted to take into account demographic factors; (2) schools making average yearly progress (believe should be, adequate yearly progress) as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; (3) high school cohort graduation rate; (4) low percentage of local funds spent on non-instructional support positions; (5) minimal audit exceptions; and (6) teacher turnover rate.

Directs the SBE to select 10 LEAs from the 20-LEA pilot pool to serve as the pilot LEAs and designate the remaining 10 LEAs to serve as control LEA units. Provides guidelines for the SBE to apply in selecting the 10 pilot LEAs from the pilot pool. Directs the SBE to identify and notify the pilot LEAs and control LEA units no later than December 31, 2009.

Allows the pilot LEAs to spend state funds without limitation for any lawful purpose during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 fiscal years, except as otherwise required by federal law or the conditions of federal grants. Directs the pilot LEAs to continue to pay employees on the existing salary schedules. Directs each pilot LEA to revert a percentage of its General Fund appropriation at the end of each fiscal year that is greater than or equal to the average percentage the LEA reverted over the prior three fiscal years. Provides that the control LEA units are to continue to spend state funds as provided by law.

Appropriates \$150,000 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to use to contract with an independent research organization (1) to assist with the pilot LEAs selection process and (2) to evaluate the impact of this pilot program on student performance.

Provides that if at the end of the 2011-12 school year, the SBE determines that there has been an increase in student academic performance in a pilot LEA due to its participation in the Pilot Program, that LEA may continue to participate in the Pilot Program during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years.

Requires the SBE to make an annual report, by December 15, on the impact of the funding flexibility in the pilot LEAs to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Glazier.

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April 13, 2009

H 584. SCHOOL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY/PILOT PROGRAM. Filed 3/12/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies that the percentage (was, low percentage) of local funds spent on noninstructional support positions is one of the minimum criteria that must be incorporated into the composite score used by the State Board of Education (Board), with the assistance of the Department of Public Instruction, to identify 20 high performing local school administrative units for its pilot pool. Requires that pilot units continue to pay employees *no less than required by* the existing salary schedules.

Provides that the \$150,000 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction is for the 2010-11 (was, 2009-10) fiscal year. Eliminates that those funds are to be used to assist with the pilot district selection process.

Requires that the Board make a final report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 2014.

Makes technical changes.