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Representative Blackwell

1 moves to amend the bill on page 139, lines 7-8, by inserting the following between the lines:

2 **"STUDY FOR STUDENTS WITH EXTRAORDINARY COSTS/REPORT**

3 **SECTION 7.49.** As used in this section, "Approved School" means a private school
4 with approved nonpublic education programs providing special education for students with
5 intensive needs. The Department of Public Instruction shall study the following and report any
6 legislative recommendations based on the outcomes of the study to the House Appropriations
7 Committee on Education, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education,
8 and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by October 15, 2023:

- 9 (1) A method of improving options for children with disabilities with intensive
10 needs which require private placement in an Approved School consistent with
11 the student's individualized education program (IEP).
- 12 (2) A method of determining that placement in an Approved School is the means
13 that most appropriately suits the child's individual needs.
- 14 (3) Extraordinary costs incurred by the public school unit by student placement
15 in Approved Schools.
- 16 (4) Methods of creating a network of Approved Schools into which a child with
17 disabilities with intensive needs may be placed consistent with the student's
18 IEP.
- 19 (5) A method of prioritizing dispersal of funds to public school units to assist with
20 the cost associated with enrolling in an Approved School in early grades to
21 incentivize public school units to enroll students in the Approved Schools at
22 the earliest appropriate age.
- 23 (6) Recommendations on the proportion of a student's extraordinary cost to be
24 paid from local, State, and federal sources, respectively, and to identify
25 existing funds at each level that may be available for the purposes studied
26 pursuant to this section.
- 27 (7) A method to monitor overidentification of children with disabilities with
28 intensive needs.
- 29 (8) Methods to allow for Medicaid reimbursement for additional services, such as
30 transportation, and expanding the eligible age range to receive reimbursement
31 for services.



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- 1 (9) An estimated range of costs associated with implementing the studied
2 methods.
3 (10) The advisability of one or more pilot programs with one or more Approved
4 Schools."
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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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