

HB 631-FN-LOCAL – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***631-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT requiring school boards to establish a policy allowing parents to send their children to an out-of-district school.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hikel, Hills 6; Rep. Meaney, Hills 6

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill allows parents of pupils residing in the district to enroll their pupil in a school outside their district and receive 50 percent of the statewide average cost per pupil for public school pupils as calculated by the department of education on an annual basis, provided the pupil attends a school outside of the district.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

HB 631-FN-LOCAL – FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Education states this bill, **as introduced**, may increase state and local expenditures, and local revenue by an indeterminable amount in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on state and county revenues, or county expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Education states this bill allows parents of pupils residing in the district to enroll their pupils in a school outside their district and receive 50% of the statewide average cost per pupil for public school pupils on an annual basis. The Department notes the proposed legislation would require the state to provide education adequacy funding to the school district for each student currently attending school outside their district; and each school district would in turn incur a cost equal to 50% of the statewide average cost per pupil for each of those students, to be provided as an allowance towards the students cost of attending a school outside of their district.

The Department states there are approximately 20,000 students in non-public or home school settings. Based on the estimated cost of education adequacy funding per student for 2014 of \$4,266, the Department states the proposed legislation could increase state expenditures and local revenues by \$85,320,000 ($\$4,266 \times 20,000$) in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. Subsequently, the Department notes the residing school district will then incur a cost of 50% of the statewide average cost per pupil to supplement the student's cost of tuition at a school outside their district. Using the most recent available statewide average cost per pupil from 2011 of \$12,775, the Department estimates the proposed legislation may increase local expenditures by \$127,750,000 ($(\$12,775/2) \times 20,000$).

The Department notes their estimates do not account for additional administrative or student transportation costs associated with the implementation of the proposed legislation or the fiscal impact of students currently enrolled in a school within their district that chose to attend a school outside of their district. The Department is unable to estimate the number of students who will choose to attend a school outside of their district as a result of the proposed legislation, and therefore are unable to determine the exact fiscal impact at this time.