PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Special Education Provisions

Motion:

Move to:

Categorical Aid. Provide $13,430,000 GPR annually for the largest state special education categorical aid, above base level funding of $368,939,100.

Also, provide $1,500,000 GPR annually above base level funding of $3,500,000 for high cost special education categorical aid.


Parental Choice Programs -- Special Education Staff. Require choice schools to employ licensed special education teachers or therapists, if pupils needing such service attend the choice school. Provide that the State Superintendent may bar any choice school from participating in the program in the current school year if the school violates this requirement.

Parental Choice Programs -- ADA Compliance. Require all choice schools to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Provide that the State Superintendent may bar any choice school from participating in the program in the current school year if the school violates this requirement.

Note:

Based on aidable costs for 2012-13, this level of special education funding would have provided an estimated reimbursement rate of approximately 28.5%, compared to the estimated rate of 27.5% that will be paid this year. The reimbursement rate for high cost special education aid would increase from approximately 31% to approximately 41%, for the state aid program, using actual cost claims from 2011-12. (Federal special education funding totaling approximately $1.9 million is used to supplement this GPR appropriation.)

[Change to Bill: $9,010,500 GPR, -$20,849,500 Aid Reduction, $29,860,000 Net GPR]

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