

BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 2100

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SUBJECT: School District Deregulation Pilot Program

PROVISIONS: Section 1: NEW LAW. The committee sub for SB 2100 directs the State Board of Education to establish a School District Deregulation Pilot Program in 10 school districts. There will be two school districts from each of the following categories:

- large school district in a large city
- small school district in a large city
- large school district in a midsize city
- small school district in a midsize city; and
- a school district located in a small city.

Prior to submitting an application to participate in the pilot program, a school district is required to form a task force for the purpose of determining which exemptions from statutory requirements to include in the application. Creates the School District Deregulation Committee. The committee establishes selection criteria for the program. The State Board of Education will contract with each district that has been selected (3-5 years) which will include performance and accountability agreements. Finally, participating school districts can choose to deregulate from any statutory requirement that charter schools are exempt from.

Section 2: AMENDATORY. Amends the Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program by providing a \$3,000 monetary award to each qualified employee at each school identified as having an API score of 1,500. Provides clarifying language for the definition of a “qualified employee” for the AAA program.

Section 3. AMENDATORY. Requires a school district that furnishes transportation to have all transportation equipment inspected once a year by an official inspector.

Section 4: AMENDATORY. Provides for students enrolled in a pilot alternative education school at a technology center district and that meet high school graduation requirements to be awarded a standard diploma by the resident school district.

Section 5: NEW LAW. Directs the State Board of Career and Technology Education to implement an alternative education pilot program at three technology center school districts. Exempts the pilot alternative education schools from accreditation and teacher certification requirements. Only students from public schools which are members of the technology center school districts hosting a pilot school are allowed to enroll. Each student enrolled in a pilot school is required to have an individual graduation plan. A comprehensive evaluation plan for the pilot school program is also established.

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