

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY

Measure HB1744

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General Subject Matter: Common Education

General Description of **Major Differences** between the current report and the version last seen and voted on in the House and the sections in which such differences are located:

√ Changes from engrossed House measure which were made in the Senate and contained in conference committee report/substitute (applies *only* to House measures):

None

√ Changes made in conference:

Section 1. Requires that an individualized education program be in effect at the time of a request for a Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship is received by the State Department of Education. Requires that a request for a scholarship be made no later than December 1 of the school year during which the scholarship is requested. Removes the date of April 1 by which the school district must notify parents of their rights in regard to the scholarship and leaves in that the district must simply notify them. Removes language that stated a parent must not be required to accept the offer of enrolling in another public school in lieu of the scholarship. Removes language that instructs the State Department of Education to use funds from general appropriations to pay the scholarship if the district's state aid cannot be reduced enough to cover the expense. Allows for a 2 and one half percent administrative fee by the State Department of Education. Gives the State Department of Education the authority to reduce state aid to school districts failing to comply with provisions of the program.

Section 2. Creates the Special Education State-wide Cooperative Task Force until May 31, 2012, to study ways to improve special education and related services.

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