

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2115</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

The conference committee substitute for House Bill 2115 requires that total assistance paid over three years from the School Consolidation Assistance Fund to districts entering into a contract to share superintendents must not exceed \$150,000 and no school district will be eligible to receive assistance for more than three years. Boards of education must notify the State Board of Education on or before June 30 of the year preceding the school year the mutual contract will become effective.

The State Board of Education may make payments of less than \$400,000 to school districts from the fund and if monies in the fund are insufficient to make allocations to qualified districts, the State Board of Education will determine allocations with preference given to school district consolidation and annexation.

The measure allows districts that have entered into a contract to share a superintendent to receive funds from the School Consolidation Assistance Fund. Districts cannot receive more than 50 percent of the salary or wages of the superintendent.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

There is no additional impact associated with this conference committee substitute. Applying the provisions of the School Consolidation and Annexation Act to a greater number of school districts does not require additional state appropriations, and therefore does not impact the state. However, expanding the number of districts with access to the School Consolidation Assistance Fund could potentially lead to greater demand for monies from the Fund (depending on other factors, such as the number of districts planning to consolidate in coming months), but could also decrease administrative costs for participating school districts.

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**Other Considerations**

None