

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2131</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Not Required</b>

**Research Analysis**

The measure allows school districts to develop deregulation plans and submit them to a vote of the residents of the school district. Districts must not request exemption from federal laws or any state and local rules and laws related to health, safety, civil rights and insurance. Districts must still meet testing, reporting, auditing, special education, retirement, salary, certification and other requirements outlined. A question to discontinue the plan may be presented to a vote with a resolution adopted by the board of education or by a petition.

The measure allows school districts consolidating or annexing to enter into contracts that provide that school sites will not be closed unless certain conditions such as minimum enrollment, community impact and transportation costs are met.

The measure also allows students to apply for transfers at any time during the school year and allows school districts to establish deadlines for when applications for when transfers may be accepted by the school district. The measure also defines drop out as any student under the age of 18, rather than 19, who has not graduated from high school and is not attending any school or receiving other means of education.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Not required.

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**Other Considerations**

None.