BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 2734
Version: CS
Request Number: 8717
Author: Rep. Rosecrants
Date: 3/5/2018
Impact: No direct impact on state budget or appropriations

Research Analysis

The committee substitute changes the *shall* to a *may* in regards to the development of a consent and healthy relationships education program that may be developed by a local Safe School Committee.

The measure requires district level teacher professional development programs to include consent and healthy relationships education. It stipulates the local Safe School Committee may develop a consent and healthy relationships education program. The program *may* be medically accurate and appropriate; promote safe and healthy relationships and teach students to recognize and prevent coercion, violence or abuse, including both physical and emotional abuse; and include education regarding relationship communication skills, emotional health, accountability and well-being in relationships and consent. The measure directs the State Department of Education to develop a model policy and deliver training materials to all districts regarding a rape or sexual assault response program and for a consent and healthy relationships program. School districts may use a commercial consent and healthy relationships program listed by the State Department of Health.

Prepared By: Scott Tohlen

Fiscal Analysis

The measure in its current form encourages districts to implement a teacher professional development program that includes consent and healthy relationships education, but does not require the inclusion. As such, it may have a fiscal impact for the districts that elect to implement the program, but HB 2734 in its current form is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

Prepared By: Cole Stout

Other Considerations

None.