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**Committee Substitute (CS)**

The CS for HB 2520 changes the date from December 1 to June 30 by which school districts must conduct and submit a needs assessment identifying students who are most at risk of not completing a high school education to the State Department of Education (SDE) and sets a deadline on September 1 of each year for districts to submit to the SDE a proposed plan for meeting the needs of the students at risk of not graduating by establishing or expanding alternative education programs. The measure directs the SDE to publish the annual needs assessment data on its website.

HB 2520 also shifts the deadline for alternative school programs to be operational in each school from September 15 to September 1 of each school year and adjusts the funding formula for such programs. The per-student funding amount will be based on the funding available for the program each fiscal year. A school requesting a waiver from the requirements of this measure must demonstrate that the school does not have any students in need of alternative education. The SDE is authorized to establish an evaluation schedule for effective and highly effective programs.

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