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Bill Analysis

SB 532 creates the School Choice for Disadvantaged Children Program Act to provide scholarships to attend a private school of choice or to provide an approved transfer to a public school district or charter school of choice for eligible students beginning in the 2022-23 school year. It defines "eligible student" as:

- 1) a student whose parent or legal guardian has a household income equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level or whose parents or legal guardians have a combined household income of 300 percent of the federal poverty level, and
- 2) who is not being home schooled but is eligible to enroll in pre-kindergarten in a public school that has received an "F" on its accountability report for the last two years or who spent the previous year enrolled in a school that received an "F" on its accountability report for the last two years.

The measure provides for calculation of the scholarship amount and establishes eligibility criteria for private schools to participate.

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