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Bill Analysis

SB 246 allows public school districts and charter schools to designate certified classroom teachers with master, exemplary, or recognized designations for a five-year period. It establishes criteria for the designations. The measure directs the State Board of Education to establish performance and validity standards for local optional teacher designation systems. It allows the Board to adopt fees to implement the provisions of the measure. It directs the Board to provide Distinguished Educator Allotments for each classroom teacher granted a designation. It directs the State Department of Education to annually make available on its website a list of public school districts and charter schools with projected Distinguished Educator Allotments per teacher designation at each school district and charter school. It requires school districts and charter schools to annually certify that received funds were used to increase compensation of the designated teachers or to implement efforts to help teachers obtain the designations. The measure also creates the Distinguished Educator Allotments Revolving Fund and appropriates \$50 million to the fund.

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