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Overview

This bill creates a process for school districts to implement alternatives to out-of-school suspensions. The bill also provides a funding source equal to \$54 per hour for each hour of a school district's alternative suspension program.

Section

- 1** **Alternative to pupil suspension.** Grants school administrators the authority to provide alternatives to out-of-school suspensions. Allows a school administrator to impose the following in place of the out-of school suspension: (1) attendance at the school by the student's parent or guardian with the student for a school day; (2) assignment of the student to attend school on Saturday in a program supervised by the principal; or (3) petition the juvenile court that the student is in need of services under chapter 260C (the child protection statutes). Provides a funding source equal to \$54 per hour (not per pupil) for each hour of alternative programming that is provided by the school district.
- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of education for aid payments to school districts that operate a program that provides alternatives to out-of-school suspensions.