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**Fiscal Note**



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<b>Subject:</b> Voucher program eligibility	

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 Provides relative to eligibility of kindergarten students for participation in the voucher program

The proposed legislation removes eligibility for kindergarten students who would otherwise enroll in "C" rated schools to participate in the Scholarship for Student Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP).

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

To the extent fewer students are eligible to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) as a result of eliminating kindergarten students from "C" rated schools for participation purposes, local public school district expenditures could increase to educate any additional students entering the public school system who may have otherwise been educated through the voucher program. The FY 15 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding formula calculates the average local cost per student to be \$3,669, however, a local school district may spend more or less than that amount from local resources on any individual student. Local school systems would receive the total state per pupil funding from the MFP for each additional student that enters the public school system to help cover the costs of educating each student. The state per pupil average for FY 15 is \$5,185.

Typically, the state provides a lesser amount per pupil for a student participating in the voucher program than it would for that student to attend a public school in the same district. State MFP expenditures could increase to provide full funding for a student enrolled in the public school rather than participating in the voucher program. For FY 15, however, the \$5,545 average amount the state pays to participating non public schools is higher than the MFP state per pupil average of \$5,185. Therefore, there could be a decrease in state general fund expenditures if the student moved from the SSEEP into the public school. The actual difference would depend upon the tuition of the voucher school the student may attend and the actual per pupil amount that would have been provided through the MFP.

There were 7,362 students enrolled in the SSEEP at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year; 1,261 or 17% were enrolled in kindergarten. The DOE stated it is not possible to determine to what extent those students would have otherwise enrolled in a private school, home study or a public school and which local public schools they would have attended due to annual changes in geographic attendance zones.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| Senate  | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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