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## DIGEST

Present law, relative to special education, provides for funding for special educational services provided by local education agencies (LEAs) to students placed in a private residential facility or intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, as follows:

1. Requires LEAs to provide special education and related services to students with exceptionalities who are located within their geographic boundaries, including children who are placed in a private residential facility or intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled.
2. Requires the LEA to pay the cost of such special education services for students who reside within its geographic boundaries.
3. Provides that the residential facility shall reimburse the cost of providing services to students with exceptionalities who are not residents of the state but live in a private residential facility in this state.

Proposed law removes the restriction that such funding is to be provided only for special education services provided to students with exceptionalities placed in a private residential facility or an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled and instead requires that LEAs provide all education and related services to students placed in any type of residential facility or intermediate care facility in the state.

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