

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation will create a program targeted at school improvement for student outcomes. This program will allow the Accountability Oversight Committee which currently exists under the State Board of Education (Board) to designate school or schools from the lowest performing five percent (5%), according to performance standards established by the Board, to receive assistance to improve student outcomes during a three-year time period. This legislation formalizes a program that gives the low performing school a school turnaround expert selected from a predetermined and qualified set of experts to assist the school in its efforts. The school will be required to form a school turnaround committee, to develop a turn around plan with the assistance of the school expert, and set performance and achievement criteria. The program grants the school turnaround committee one year to formulate and start implementing the plan. They have two years to fully implement and evaluate student outcomes and plan results.

The school turnaround expert shall be selected upon predetermined criteria and compensated on a predetermined contractual agreement with a significant portion of the contract payment being determined upon the successful performance of the low performing school.

FISCAL NOTE

In FY 2017 the State Board of Education received \$750,000 ongoing General Funds to assist low performing schools annually.

This program is contingent on an appropriation.

It is anticipated this program may use a portion or all of this original appropriation for the program or request an additional appropriation to assist more of our low performing schools. It is anticipated with an additional \$1,250,000 the state would be able to assist seven to nine schools per year; depending on size and other school criteria.

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