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 Provides relative to student eligibility for vouchers

The proposed legislation limits eligibility for entering kindergarten students in the Scholarship for Student Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) only to those who would have attended a "D" or "F" school.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

To the extent fewer kindergarten students are eligible to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) as a result of eliminating entering 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 14 Minimum Foundation Program formula calculates the average local cost per student to be \$3,544, 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 Minimum Foundation Program formula 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 14 is \$5,060.

State Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) fund expenditures could increase to provide full funding for a student enrolled in the public school rather than participating in the voucher program. 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. For FY 14, however, the \$5,300 average amount the state pays to participating non public schools is higher than the state per pupil average of \$5,060 and is projected to increase in FY 15. Therefore, there could be an 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 6,775 students participating in the SSEEP at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year; 1,298 or 19% were kindergarten students. Approximately 5% of the total SSEEP participants are from a "C" rated school. If the average tuition cost for a student in the voucher program is \$5,300 and the projected state and local expenditures for a student in the public school is \$8,605, the difference in total expenditures per student is \$3,305. For illustrative purposes, if 64 kindergarten students were denied participation as a result of this legislation, total state and local expenditures may increase over \$200,000 in the first year.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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<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}		