

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 361 entitled “An act relating to making amendments to education funding,
4 education spending, and education governance” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the Report of the Committee on
6 Education, as amended by the Committee on Finance, be further amended as
7 follows:

8 First: By striking out Secs. 9 (small school support), and 10 (small school
9 support transition) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 Sec. 9. [Deleted.]

11 Sec. 10. [Deleted.]

12 Second: By adding a Sec. 20a to read as follows:

13 Sec. 20a. REPORT ON METRICS FOR EVALUATION

14 (a) On or before December 15, 2015, the Agency of Education shall report
15 to the General Assembly with recommendations for establishing a consistent
16 method of evaluating the performance of:

17 (1) pre-kindergarten programs in each school district; and

18 (2) special education programs in each supervisory union or school
19 district.

20 (b) The recommendations under subsection (a) of this section shall consider
21 the findings of the report required under 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 95,

1 Sec. 79a and shall be consistent with the efforts taken by the Agency to
2 develop consistent longitudinal student and financial data in 2014 Acts and
3 Resolves No. 179, Secs. E.500.1 through E.500.3, allowing for
4 district-to-district comparisons to support education-related decisions at the
5 State and local level.

6 Third: By striking out Secs. 35 and 36 (tuition; statewide average rate) and
7 their related reader assistance heading and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following:

9 Sec. 35. [Deleted.]

10 Sec. 36. [Deleted.]

11 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 38 (systems evaluation) and its related reader
12 assistance heading and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 Sec. 38. [Deleted.]

14 Fifth: In Sec. 39 (effective dates), by striking out subsections (g) (merger
15 support grants), (h) (small school support), (q) (agency coordination),
16 (z) (tuition amounts), and (bb) (systems evaluation) in their entirety, and
17 inserting a new subsection (q) to read as follows:

18 (q) Secs. 20 (Agencies of Education and of Human Services; coordination)
19 and 20a (report) shall take effect on passage.

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator Starr

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FOR THE COMMITTEE