

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred House Bill No. 675
3 entitled “An act relating to conditions of release prior to trial” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5 propose to the House that the report of the Committee on Judiciary be amended
6 as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:
8 [Deleted.]

9 Second: By striking out Sec. 4 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
10 the following:

11 Sec. 4. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONDING
12 TO SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS

13 On or before July 1, 2019, the Agency of Education shall issue guidance to
14 all public school boards and boards of approved independent schools that sets
15 out restorative justice principles for responding to school discipline problems.
16 Each public school board and each board of an approved independent school
17 shall consider this guidance and whether to adopt a policy on the use of
18 restorative justice principles for responding to school discipline problems. The
19 restorative justice principles contained in the Agency guidance shall be
20 designed to:

21 (1) decrease the use of exclusionary discipline;

1 (2) ensure that disciplinary measures are applied fairly and do not target
2 students based on race, ethnicity, gender, family income level, sexual
3 orientation, immigration status, or disability status; and

4 (3) provide students with the opportunity to make academic progress
5 while suspended or expelled.

6 Third: By adding a new section, to be Sec. 5, to read:

7 Sec. 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES;
8 GRANT PROGRAM

9 (a) The Agency of Education shall establish a grant program to assist
10 public and approved independent schools with the adoption and
11 implementation of restorative justice principles for responding to school
12 discipline problems. The Agency shall determine the eligibility criteria for
13 receiving a grant and determining the grant amount, and shall monitor the use
14 of grant monies.

15 (b) On or before December 1, 2018, 2019, and 2020, the Secretary of
16 Education shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Education
17 and Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Education and on Judiciary
18 describing the eligibility criteria for receiving a grant and for determining the
19 grant amount, identifying the grant recipients and the amounts they received in
20 grant monies, and the use of grant monies by the recipients.

1 (c) The sum of \$250,000.00 is appropriated to the Agency of Education
2 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2019 for the Agency to administer the
3 grant program in accordance with this section.
4 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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7 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE