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Bill Analysis

SB 222 creates the Hope Scholarship Program Act to provide scholarships to attend a private school of choice for students who have experienced bullying incidents. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the scholarship can be awarded to a student if he or she has been the victim of harassment, intimidation, or bullying a minimum of 3 times within a school year and there is written documentation with confirmation from a licensed mental health professional or physician. The measure provides for calculation of the scholarship amount and establishes eligibility criteria for private schools to participate.

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