

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3551
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 3551 modifies various alternative education program regulations. A certified teacher is required to be present in an alternative education classroom at all times. Classrooms may not exceed a 15:1 student-teacher ratio. The State Board of Education must complete a certain form to approve teachers covering subjects they do not hold certification for. Teachers must complete professional development programs, with one representative of the district's alternative education program also attending at least one of the State Department of Education's fall regional meetings.

Programs must give an at-risk pre-assessment to students to determine alternative education eligibility and require eligible students to meet with a counselor at least twice per month. Programs must also provide life skills instruction on a weekly basis and access to standard school services such as classroom space, library services, nutrition programs, and transportation.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.