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Bill Analysis

SB 1768 allows a school district or charter school to include in its school year policy one or more emergency virtual days that may only be used during inclement weather, due to unavailability of teachers and support staff due to illness, due to building maintenance issues, or for a reason approved by the State Board of Education. The measure requires a district or charter school that decides to use an emergency virtual day to notify the State Department of Education within 72 hours of the decision. It directs the Department within one calendar week of receiving the notification to determine whether the use of virtual instruction complies with the bill's provisions. If the Department determines the use of virtual instruction did not comply, the bill requires the district or charter school to provide an additional day of in-person instruction. It allows for an appeal of such decision to the State Board of Education. The measure provides a minimum number of hours of virtual instruction to be provided. It also allows the Department to audit district or charter school records to determine if a majority of students complied with the required minimum hours of virtual instruction, and if the Department determines less than a majority complied, the district or charter school is required to provide an additional day of in-person instruction. It allows for an appeal of such decision to the State Board of Education.

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