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Bill Analysis

SB 531 creates the Rewarding Student Outcomes Act to create an outcomes-based college, career, and military readiness incentive program. To qualify for a bonus payment under the act, the bill requires a school district, charter school, or virtual charter school to have at least a 1 percent increase in the number of annual graduates who demonstrate college, career, or military readiness above the number of graduates for the preceding school year. It provides a \$1,500 per graduate award if the annual graduate is economically disadvantaged and a \$500 per graduate award if the annual graduate is not economically disadvantaged. The measure also modifies the A-F accountability system by replacing chronic absenteeism as a factor with administration of climate surveys to students, school staff, and parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the school site. The bill also provides specific postsecondary opportunities on which to base a high school's accountability grade.

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