BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 1280
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Impact: No State Impact

Research Analysis

The Floor substitute for HB 1280 requires a school district to spend at least 50 percent of its budget on instructional expenditures, as defined in the measure. If a district spends less than 50 percent, it must increase its instructional spending by 2 percent each year, until the target percentage is met. Failure to increase spending when required will first result in a warning noticed published on the school's website. If a district spends less than 50 percent and fails to increase spending for four consecutive years, it will be required to raise all teacher salaries by 2 percent annually until the 50 percent threshold is met.

The Floor sub also requires the definition of "instructional expenditures" to match the definition used by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COMMITTEE SUB AND FLOOR SUB

The Floor sub adds in language requiring the definition of "instructional expenditures" to match that used by NCES.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure as currently written is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations. However, if districts do not fulfill the requirements set forth in the measure, certain school districts may see an additional impact by raising teacher salaries.

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Other Considerations

None.

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