BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 1523 requires the State Department of Education to contract with a single telehealth provider to provide mental health care to students in selected schools at no cost to the students. The SDE is required to select schools to participate in the pilot program using a rubric listed in the measure. The Department must select at least one school from each congressional district.

The measure details the procedure for initiating an RFP and specific requirements for the contract with the provider.

Any program funding must be used to pay the telehealth provider an annual capitation rate of up to \$22.00 per student, to reimburse the telehealth provider for the one-time fixed costs for establishing the program in a school district, and to evaluate the pilot program.

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Fiscal Analysis

Currently in consultation with the State Department of Education.

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Other Considerations

None.

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