

New Provisos in the 2012-13 General Appropriation Act

Pertaining to Duties and Functions of the EOC

Proviso 1A.57. (SDE-EIA: PowerSchool Dropout Recovery Data) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for PowerSchool and data collection, the department will begin in the current fiscal year to collect data from schools and school districts on the number of students who had previously dropped out of school and who reenrolled in a public school or adult education to pursue a high school diploma. The Education Oversight Committee working with the Department of Education will determine how to calculate a dropout recovery rate that will be reflected on the annual school and district report cards. The Department of Education shall report to the Senate Education Committee and the House Education and Public Works Committee on the implementation of a dropout recovery rate.

Proviso 70.32. (LEG: EOC Efficiency Review) Funds appropriated to the Education Oversight Committee for the School District Efficiency Review Pilot Program shall be used to review certain school districts' central operations with a focus on non-instructional expenditures so as to identify opportunities to improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs for the district. The Education Oversight Committee shall make the school districts aware of the pilot program, and accept applications to participate in the program. In the current fiscal year, the Education Oversight Committee shall select at least three applicant school districts to participate. The Education Oversight Committee may contract with an independent entity to perform the review. The review shall include, but not be limited to, examinations of (i) overhead, (ii) human resources, (iii) procurement, (iv) facilities use and management, (v) financial management, (vi) transportation, (vii) technology planning, and (viii) energy management. The review shall not address the effectiveness of the educational services being delivered by the district. The review shall be completed no later than June 30, 2013. Upon completion, the Education Oversight Committee shall submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, and the Governor detailing the findings of the review including the estimated savings that could be achieved, the manner in which the savings could be achieved, and the districts' plan for implementation of the recommendations. Unexpended funds appropriated for this purpose may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and expended for the same purpose.

Note: \$300,000 in non-recurring funds also appropriated for this function.