

Overview of Funding Provisions in SB 598

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Overview

- **Workgroup generated funding options**
- **Current state funding for virtual school programs**
- **Funding provisions in SB 598 as introduced**
- **Funding provisions in proposed SB 598 substitute**

Current Virtual School Funding

- **The Code and Act currently do not address state and local funding for virtual schools.**
- **Students who enroll in full-time virtual programs in another division are provided SOQ and other state funding like any other student in the enrolling division.**
- **Funding is based on the composite index of the enrolling division and the students are included in the required local effort of the enrolling division.**

Current Virtual School Funding

- **No local funds from the resident division are required to follow the student enrolling in another division.**
- **In FY12, due to differences in the composite index across divisions, state SOQ funding to divisions enrolling students from other divisions is \$550,000 higher than if the students had enrolled in their own division.**
 - **\$550,000 over 480 students or \$1,146 per pupil.**

SB 598 as Introduced

- **Effective in FY14.**
- **Students enrolled full-time in a virtual school program outside their division have their state and local share SOQ per pupil funding (based on the resident division composite index) provided to the enrolling division.**
- **The local per pupil funding transferred prorated at 76% to exclude certain support costs not applicable to virtual environment (e.g., school buses, school nurses, central office admin., etc.).**

SB 598 as Introduced

- **Total state and local share funds provided to the enrolling division cannot exceed \$6,500 per pupil. The local share is reduced so the total does not exceed \$6,500.**
- **Students enrolled in a full-time virtual program outside their division are counted in the ADM and required local effort of the enrolling division.**

SB 598 as Introduced

- **DOE pays the state per pupil funding to the enrolling division. The enrolling division invoices the resident divisions monthly for the local share of funding.**
- **Students must notify their division by April 1 each year of intent to enroll in a full-time virtual program outside the division to have the state and local per pupil funding provided to the enrolling division.**
- **Students who enroll in a full-time virtual program within their division receive state funding like any other student in the division.**



SB 598 Substitute

- Provides incentive to expand virtual education to more divisions statewide.
- Resident division has first opportunity to enroll its students in its own full-time virtual program. Students enrolling would receive full state funding like any other student in the division (as in intro. bill).
- If resident division does not offer a local program option, its students may then enroll in a program outside the division and state share SOQ per pupil funding provided based on the resident division composite index.

SB 598 Substitute

- **For local share, resident division provides (quarterly) to enrolling division up to 76% of its local SOQ per pupil share, not to exceed per pupil contract cost less state share of funds.**
- **Student intent to enroll date August 15 (vs. April 1 in intro.).**
- **Required local effort met through local share from resident division.**
- **Students enrolled in virtual programs in 12-13 have state funding held harmless and no resident division local share required.**