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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS, TENURE, AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW CRITERIA FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

Summary of Assessment

This bill outlines the qualifications and the term of office for the Commissioner of Education. The bill requires that the appointee shall, at a minimum, have demonstrated personal and professional leadership in the administration of public education and possess an advanced degree in education or educational administration. Beginning January 15, 2009, the term of office of the Commissioner shall be two years but a person may be appointed to an unlimited number of terms. The bill also requires the State Board of Education to perform an annual review and evaluation of the Commissioner's job performance. A report would be submitted each year to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Any workload necessary to compile feedback from school districts on the Commissioner's performance would be completed within existing department resources. Since the bill does not affect state or local revenue or expenditures it is assessed as no fiscal impact. The bill becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

Education