

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING PARENTS' AUTHORITY TO REQUEST INTERVENTIONS FOR LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS.

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/06/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Education Committee 02/06/12)**

The House Education Committee Report extends the deadline for parents to submit petitions to the State Board of Education from November 1 to January 15, if the affected district or the Institute appeals the turnaround plan requirements put in place by the State Board of Education.

JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff agree that while the committee report may increase the number of petitions submitted to the State Board of Education, which would increase the fiscal impact of the bill, the effect is unlikely to be large enough to change the fiscal impact of the bill.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**                       **Does Not Concur**                       **Updated Analysis**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

As discussed in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 6, 2012, the bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$23,897 General Fund and 0.3 FTE to the Department of Education in FY 2012-13.

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) would require the Department of Education to absorb the fiscal impact of the bill within existing resources by stating that the "General Assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act." **If the Committee adopts amendment L.002 then it should not adopt amendment J.001.**

**Points to Consider**

1. The bill will require the Department of Education to implement a new process for turnaround schools. As discussed in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 6, 2012,

the new process would require: a consultant to advise the State Board of Education on policies and rules implementing the bill; staff site visits to evaluate actions for each affected school; and management of the activities of the state review panel. The new process would also require additional communication with parent groups considering petitioning to the State Board. The Department does not currently have the rules, policies, procedures, infrastructure, or staff to address the potential workload associated with the new process and absorbing the fiscal impact of the bill within existing resources may be difficult.

2. The fiscal note assumes that the Department would have to respond to a total of ten petitions per year under the new process but notes that an increase in the number of petitions would increase the fiscal impact of the bill. The Department estimates that if 50.0 percent of eligible schools petition under the new process in FY 2012-13 (resulting in 53 petitions that year) then the bill would require approximately \$166,000 and 1.6 FTE in FY 2012-13.