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Senate Bill 72 (Substitute S-4 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Jon Cisky
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit a public school academy to limit enrollment only to the following types of pupils: those placed in an academy by a court or by the Family Independence Agency under the direction of a court; those who had been expelled under the Code for possessing a dangerous weapon in a weapon free school zone, or committing arson or criminal sexual conduct in a school building or on school grounds; and, pupils who had been expelled for physically assaulting certain school personnel, as proposed in Senate Bill 313.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an unknown fiscal impact on State and local government. The State fiscal impact of the bill depends on the degree to which it would increase pupil membership and thus State payments for the foundation allowance. Local and intermediate school districts could have reduced costs and lower State revenues if the education of some court-placed students were shifted to a public school academy.

Currently, a public school academy may be formed with a specialized curriculum or structure for juvenile offenders or expelled students; however, enrollment may not be limited to a particular group of students. Permitting the limitation on enrollment could expand the use of public school academies for students who have been expelled or are under the charge of a court.

Students in detention facilities may currently be counted in pupil membership if their education is provided by certified teachers through contract with a local or intermediate school district. Students in the juvenile delinquent residential facilities operated by the Family Independence Agency, however, are educated by that Agency and are not currently counted in pupil membership.

A pupil in a public school academy is eligible to be counted in pupil membership, generating a foundation allowance payment from the State. The foundation allowance for a public school academy is the same as the foundation allowance for the local school district in which the academy is located, but not to exceed \$5,962 per pupil in FY 1997-98. The entire foundation allowance for a pupil in a public school academy is paid by the State. Public school academies also are eligible for other categorical funds provided in the State School Aid Act.

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