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Senate Bill 297 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Dan L. DeGrow
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to add Part 5A (Appointment of Reform School Boards), which would do the following:

- Require the mayor of the city with a qualifying school district to appoint a seven-member reform school board.
- Suspend the powers and duties of the district's elected board unless and until a new board was elected.
- Transfer the powers and duties of the elected board to the mayor, until the reform school board was appointed, and then to that board.
- Specify additional powers and duties of the reform school board.
- Provide that each employee of the qualifying school district whose employment was not covered by a collective bargaining agreement would be employed at the will of the mayor, until the reform school board was appointed, and then at the will of the board.
- Require the mayor to appoint certain chief administrators who would be employed at the will of the mayor.
- Require the reform school board to submit an annual report containing specific information.
- Provide that, after five years following the appointment of the reform school board, the question of retaining that board could be placed on the ballot in the qualifying school district if sufficient petitions were filed.

The bill would define "qualifying school district" as a school district of the first class. Currently, a school district with a pupil membership of 120,000 is a first class district; the bill would refer instead to a school district with a pupil membership of at least 100,000. The bill states that all powers and duties of the school board of the first class school district and of its officers would be subject to Part 5A.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on State resources. All funding for school operations would continue to be disbursed to the local school district. The funds would be managed by the mayor and then the reform school board in the same manner as currently, and would continue to be subject to the provisions in the School Code and the School Aid Act.

The only additional local cost would be the expense of preparing and submitting the proposed annual report. The report would be paid for from the district's annual operating revenue; however, this would be a new cost that would be incurred by the qualifying school district.

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