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(as enrolled)

Senate Bill 194 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Section 1311g of the Revised School Code, which provides that, if the Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Corrections, or another State department or agency has custody of a child, that State department or agency is financially responsible for educating the child.

Public Act 342 of 2006 (the fiscal year 2006-07 School Aid budget) transferred the educational costs for individuals for whom the DHS has custody from the DHS budget to the K-12 budget. Section 1311g of the Revised School Code, however, does not recognize that the DHS is no longer responsible for the financial costs of educating children for whom the Department has custody. Senate Bill 194 (S-1) would amend Section 1311g to indicate that the DHS would not have financial responsibility for educating these individuals.

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FISCAL IMPACT

As mentioned above, the fiscal impact of this bill has already been recognized with an appropriation of \$3.0 million in the current year's School Aid budget. This expenditure pays for the educational costs of individuals in juvenile facilities operated by the DHS, or for whom the DHS has custody; the costs previously were borne by the DHS. This bill is necessary to fully implement Public Act 342 of 2006.

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