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Senate Bill 757 (Substitute S-4 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

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Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require each pupil to renew his or her educational development plan (EDP) in 8th grade and revise the plan as appropriate before entering high school.

Currently, the board of a school district or public school academy (PSA) must ensure that each pupil has the opportunity in 7th grade to develop an EDP, and that each pupil has developed an EDP before he or she begins high school.

Under the bill, instead, the board of a school district or PSA would have to provide each pupil with the opportunity to develop an EDP during 7th grade, and ensure that each pupil reviewed the plan during 8th grade and revised it as appropriate before beginning high school.

The Code requires that an EDP be developed by the pupil under the supervision of his or her school counselor or other designee who is qualified to act in a counseling role and is selected by the high school principal. The plan must be based on a career pathways program or similar career exploration program. Under the bill, the plan also would have to be based on high school readiness scores, and would have to be designed to assist pupils to identify career development goals as they relate to academic requirements.

The Code states that if a pupil receives special education services, a school psychologist also should participate in developing the pupil's educational development plan. The bill would delete that provision.

The bill would take effect July 1, 2011.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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