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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
SEN. LINARES, 33rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF HEAVY
BACKPACKS ON CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the Department of Education, in consultation with the
- 2 Department of Public Health, conduct a study of that examines the
- 3 impact of heavy backpacks on children. Such study shall (1) include,
- 4 but not be limited to, the health issues created by heavy backpacks,
- 5 methods available to alleviate the problem and recommendations for
- 6 legislation, and (2) be submitted to the joint standing committee of the
- 7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in
- 8 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
- 9 on or before February 1, 2016.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Departments of Education and Public Health to study the impact of heavy and overloaded backpacks on children.