
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1036

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PAY TUITION TO ANOTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENROLLING ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SUCH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SUMMARY

This bill allows local boards of education to “tuition out” students in kindergarten through grade 8 to schools in other school districts in lieu of operating their own elementary schools. Current law, unchanged by the bill, allows boards to do this for grades 9-12 in lieu of operating their own high school.

Under the bill, local boards of education that do not maintain K-8 schools, or any combination of those grades, must designate a school in another district, with State Board of Education approval, that any child under its jurisdiction may attend. The local board must pay tuition to the local or regional board of education for the child attending school in the other district. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, applies these same requirements to boards of education that do not operate a public high school and choose to tuition out their students.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 38 Nay 0 (03/22/2021)