

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2767 Relating to recovery schools

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative McLain

HB 2767 requires the Department of Education to adopt standards for and enter into agreements with up to nine recovery schools over the next three biennia, and to cover the costs of attendance through allocations from the State School Fund and from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account.

Recovery schools are alternative high schools that support students in recovery from substance use disorders. HB 2767 authorizes a total of three recovery schools in the 2023-25 biennium, and the - B5 amendment adds \$2.6 million General Fund and 8 positions (5.40 FTE) to the Department of Education's budget to create and provide support services through the program, and \$3.2 million Other Funds for the cost of educating recovery school students. The measure's proposed funding method from the State School Fund for approved recovery schools is not materially different from the current method. The measure does not create a new State School Fund carve-out and does not add to nor subtract from the formula revenue available to school districts.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2767 be amended by the –B5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.