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**To:** Education Subcommittee

**From:** Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 26, 2024

**Subject:** SB 1532 – Relating to statewide education plans  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1532 directs the Department of Education to establish a statewide education plan for early childhood through post-secondary students who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers. The plan is intended to address academic disparities, historical practices, and educational needs based on culturally responsive best practices. In consultation with an advisory group, the Department is directed to award grants to early childhood education providers, school districts and education service districts, post-secondary institutions, tribal governments, and community based organizations to provide services to plan students. The measure takes effect January 1, 2025.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the –1 amendment, which provides \$2 million Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Department of Education to award grants for implementation of the plan; and which provides an additional \$243,802 Other Funds expenditure limitation and authorizes the establishment of one permanent, full-time position (0.50 FTE) to administer the grant program. The source of Other Funds is the Statewide Education Initiatives Account in the Fund for Student Success.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the –1 amendment to SB 1532. (VOTE)**

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 1532, as amended by the –1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move SB 1532, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_