

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1532

Relating to statewide education plans

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

SB 1532 directs the Department of Education to establish a statewide education plan for 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 school districts, education service districts, tribal governments, and other education providers to provide services to plan students. The measure takes effect January 1, 2025.

The –1 amendment adds \$2 million Other Funds expenditure limitation for a grant program, and \$243,802 Other Funds expenditure limitation for one full-time position to manage the grant program and for translation services for multiple languages. The source of Other Funds is the Statewide Education Initiatives Account in the Fund for Student Success.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 1532 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.