SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 3199

Relating to school attendance

To:Ways and Means Full CommitteeFrom:Capital Construction SubcommitteeCarrier:Representative Ruiz

HB 3199 directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study statewide attendance initiatives undertaken by the state since the 2017-18 school year. The study is to include research on specific elements, including goals, implementation, effectiveness, barriers, funding, and data collection. A final report is to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly by September 30, 2026.

The measure also directs the Department of Education to establish a 16-member advisory committee to review the study's findings and recommend policy changes to the State Board of Education. Additionally, the advisory committee will review current practices and recommend collaborative approaches to reduce absenteeism involving the Department of Human Services, Department of Education, and school districts. A preliminary report on the committee's progress is to be submitted to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in 2026, with a final report submitted at the beginning of the 2027 legislative session.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 3199 be amended by the –A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.