

HB 2544 -- SPECIAL EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT

SPONSOR: Pike

Currently, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will reimburse school districts for the costs of special education for high-needs children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) exceeding three times the current expenditure per average daily attendance as calculated on the district annual secretary of the board report for the year in which the expenditures are claimed. This bill states that any money reimbursed to a school district, with 500 or less students, is excluded from such calculation.

This bill specifies that a school district shall submit the cost of serving any high-needs student with an IEP to DESE.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 957 (2019).