Amendment: #3

Section 1A-Department of Education-EIA

Representative Loftis proposes the following amendment:

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1a.vai (SDE-EIA: Value-Added Instrument) With the funds appropriated for a School Value-Added Instrument in the current fiscal year the Education Oversight Committee through the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office will use the education value-added assessment system that was procured and administered in the prior fiscal year through the Department of Education to calculate student progress or growth at the school level for purposes of state and federal accountability.

At the discretion of the local school district, a district may use the education value-added assessment system to evaluate classroom teachers using student progress or growth.

The estimates of specific teacher effects on the educational progress of students will not be a public record and will be made available only to the specific teacher, principal, and superintendent.

In the current fiscal year, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office is directed to procure a value-added assessment system, which calculates student growth and includes the measurement of magnitude or certainly growth, as a component of its longitudinal student data system to be used in future school years that meets the requirements of the state and federal accountability system and the longitudinal data system as defined in Chapter 18 of Title 59. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office is directed to review how the value-added assessment system can be used to assist colleges of education in achieving accreditation and in improving the quality of teacher education programs.

All relevant data types necessary for the release of the annual school and district report cards will be transferred from the State Department of Education to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office two weeks after receipt of data from relevant assessment vendor (for the testing data elements).

Additionally, the State Department of Education will provide the following non-assessment data related to the prior school year to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office by August 30 of the current fiscal year: student enrollment with SUNS identifiers and continuous enrollment indicators; list of schools that will receive school report cards; and student enrollment in courses by teacher.