

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### S 0851 General Bill, By Bryant

#### **Summary:** Educational Opportunity Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO THE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP, TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT WHO QUALIFIES FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS WEIGHTINGS IS ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER TO AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL IF THE STUDENT RESIDES IN THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF A FAILING PUBLIC SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MUST ISSUE A CHECK TO THE PARENTS OF THE TRANSFERRING STUDENT AND THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE STATE'S BASE STUDENT COST, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT IS TERMINATED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MUST REFUND A PRO-RATA BASIS OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CHECK TO THE STATE, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD SHALL ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THIS ACT.

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