MEMBER: **Barry Erwin** **PROPOSAL#** **Erwin #05** **REFERRED TO AG on:** **AGDNES**

SUBJECT: **BESE -Effective Dropout Prevention** **DATE REPORTED BY AG:** _____ **REPORT:** _____

COMMISSION ACTION: _____ **DATE:** _____

RECOMMENDATION: Any increase in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) should be spent on effective dropout prevention and remediation programs for students attending schools that are, or at risk of being, academically unacceptable (schools with School Performance Score (SPS) of 75 and below). Annual growth in the MFP is 2.75%, approximately $62 million.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
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