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CSSB 1(EDC) - 27-LS0001\B *"An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an annual report to the legislature."*

Explanation of Changes

The CS for SB 1(EDC), 27-LS0001\B added the two words "in person" on page 1, lines 6-7.

Senator Davis, sponsor, explained in testimony on CSSB 1(EDC) on April 1, 2011 that the intent of the bill was to require that the Board of Education should have a face to face verbal presentation of a formal written annual report to the legislature at the beginning of each regular session. For that reason the words "in person" were added in the Committee Substitute, version "B." She added that all board members would not need to be present. House Education Committee member Representative Seaton confirmed a similar finding by the Education Task Force that the legislature should have more interaction with the board and department.

The requirement that the annual report be in writing is not expressed in the bill but it was understood and acknowledged in testimony on CSSB 1(EDC) by Les Morse, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development in the House Education Committee on April 1, 2011. *Mr. Morse also commented on the zero fiscal note that in his opinion the Board and Department had adequate resources to prepare and present the annual report without need for additional funds.*