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## House Education Committee

### EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

HB 102 deals with how a public school students' education is funded who is also a patient of a residential psychiatric treatment center.

The A version of HB 102 had the following main features:

- For students admitted in a residential psychiatric treatment center the school district would pay the treatment center the amount of money the student generated under the public student funding formula, prorated for the amount of time the student is in treatment at the center.

The current version differs in the following ways:

- Instead of the treatment center receiving what the funding formula produces, the school district and the center agree on the education funding for the student and enter into a contract memorializing the agreement.
- The bill's contract feature starts with the school district administration and uses permissive language: "A school district 'may' enter into a contract . . . ."
- If the administration and the center are unable to come to agreement, the bill mandates the district school board to enter into a contract: "A school board 'shall' enter into a contract . . . ."
- The bill sets out the terms the contract must include.
- If a school board approves a contract under the mandatory provisions, the board forwards the contract to the State Board of Education for final review and approval.
- If the school board rejects the contract, the bill creates an appeal option for the treatment center.
  - The appeal is decided by the Commissioner of Education and Early Development.
    - If the Commissioner finds for the treatment center, the contract as decided by the Commissioner is forwarded to the State Board for review and approval.
    - If the Commissioner rejects the treatment center's appeal, the center may appeal that decision to the State Board of Education and Early Development.

The bill establishes the appeal procedures for both the appeal to the Commissioner and the appeal to the State Board