HOUSE BILL REPORT
ESB 6137

As of Second Reading

Title: An act relating to common schools.

Brief Description: Relating to common schools.

Sponsors: Senator Prentice.

Brief History:
　　Committee Activity:
　　　　None.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Expands the list of programs given budgetary transfer authority for fiscal year 2009 within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to include the Student Achievement Program.

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Background:

The 2007-09 Omnibus Appropriations Act provides transfer authority among the various appropriations to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for the support of K-12 common schools. Under Substitute House Bill 1244 (omnibus operating budget) enacted in the 2009 legislative Session, the specific program appropriations that are allowed to be transferred are general apportionment; employee compensation adjustments; pupil transportation; special education programs; institutional education programs; transitional bilingual programs; and learning assistance programs. Given the potential volatility around caseloads and other cost drivers in these programs, the purpose of this transfer authority is to provide additional flexibility to OSPI in managing its overall appropriation level.

Summary of Bill:

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The list of OSPI appropriations that may be transferred to cover under or over expenditures in other programs is expanded to include the I-728 Student Achievement Program allocations.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.