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SENATE BILL 1332-SENATOR AUMENT

SYNOPSIS:

Provides for administrative partnerships between school districts and for an administrative partnership grant pilot program.

SUMMARY:

Amends the Public School Code to add a new article providing for administrative partnerships between school districts.

Permits two or more school districts to enter into an agreement to share the following between school districts:

- A superintendent or assistant superintendent
- Superintendent office personnel
- Business administrator or business manager or other business personnel
- Student transportation services
- Management of health care services
- Management of purchasing services
- Management and sharing of technology resources, and other managerial functions.

Establishes the Administrative Partnership Grant Pilot Program to provide financial assistance to facilitate the sharing of administrative functions between school districts. Requires the department to develop a procedure for awarding grants under the program. Permits two or more school districts to apply for a grant and provides criteria for the application.

Permits no more than four grants to be awarded each fiscal year and limits an individual grant to \$250,000. Prioritizes applicants who demonstrate an existing partnership and permits grants to be awarded more than once to the same applicant.

Permits grants to be funded by appropriations by the General Assembly, general government operations funds of the department or \$250,000 annually from undistributed funds from appropriations or grants made to the department.

Requires the department to provide technical assistance to school districts seeking to share administrative functions.

Requires school districts that receive grants to report to the department 180 days after receiving the grant detailing the progress made toward achieving the shared services.

Effective in 60 days.

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