

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2828 - SB 2968

February 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that the Office of Education Accountability (OEA) in the Comptroller's Office shall conduct joint studies of schools or systems placed on notice of probation for low academic performance. Only the Department of Education will be responsible for this study.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures - Cost Avoidance - \$114,400 (This amount is reflected in the Governor's Proposed FY02-03 Budget for two positions and related costs for this study)

The requirement that the OEA study the schools or systems placed on notice of probation became law in 1997. However, since no schools or systems were put on notice until 2001, the fiscal effect of this requirement was not significant.

In September 2001, the Commissioner of Education put 98 schools on notice of probation. The OEA has requested an improvement of \$114,400 for the past two years to handle the additional responsibility; however, this budget request remains unfunded. By removing this requirement of the OEA, the increase in state expenditures for additional staff will be eliminated.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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