SENATE BILL 257:
Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 7.26C:
Nationally Norm-Referenced College Admissions Test

Committee: Analysis of:
Introduced by: Sec. 7.26C of S.L. 2017-57
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OVERVIEW: S.L. 2017-57, Sec. 7.26C requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to use a competitive bidding process to adopt a nationally norm-referenced college admissions test and directs the adopted test to be made available to local school administrative units, regional schools, and charter schools, to be administered to students in the eleventh grade. The section requires the SBE to develop a plan for requiring the administration of diagnostic tests in eighth and tenth grades that are aligned to the adopted college admissions test. The section requires the SBE to conduct the competitive bid process and report on the results to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division by May 15, 2019. This section became effective July 1, 2017. The requirements to administer the newly adopted college admissions and diagnostic tests apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.