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TO: Honorable Kent Grusendorf, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2217 by Grusendorf (Relating to the use of funds for schools designated recognized or exemplary by the State Board of Education.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the Commissioner of Education to exempt a school district that has been recognized or exemplary for at least two years from the statutory minimum salary schedule for classroom teachers and full-time librarians, counselors, and nurses for the purpose of developing or creating teacher advancement initiatives. To be eligible for an exemption, a school district would be required to obtain the Commissioner's approval of a compensation plan.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Local costs or savings would vary depending on the individual local compensation plans developed under the authority provided in this bill. The exemption might offer a district the option to offer salaries below current state minimums or provide a salary structure that advances staff on the salary schedule at increments that are below the statutory minimum.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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