

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 346
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that current law relating to the curriculum that must be provided by a disciplinary alternative education program is insufficient. S.B. 346 seeks to correct the insufficiency.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 346 amends the Education Code to require the curriculum of a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) provided by each school district to provide for students who are assigned to the DAEP for one semester or more structured courses in English language arts, mathematics, science, history, and self-discipline that are equivalent in content and rigor to courses in those subjects as provided in the regular classroom setting and an established curriculum for each grade level that provides students an opportunity to achieve promotion to the next grade level or to graduate from high school on the same schedule as students in the regular classroom setting. The bill makes a nonsubstantive change and makes its provisions applicable beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.