BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1939 By: Meyer Public Education Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that the state once gave a credit on recapture payments to public school districts that signed an agreement and made payments early in the fiscal year, which incentivized early payments that kept more dollars in local school districts while also bringing revenue into the state treasury earlier in the year. The bill author has also informed the committee that since that credit went away, recapture has risen to record levels and school districts are looking for relief. H.B. 1939 seeks to address this issue and keep more local dollars in local schools by establishing an early payment agreement credit for school districts.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

H.B. 1939 amends the Education Code to reduce the total amount of attendance credit that a public school district must purchase for any school year by four percent if the district elects to pay for credit in one payment for the total required amount not later than February 15 of the school year for which the agreement is in effect. The reduction must be made after making any other reduction to which the district is entitled under state law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.