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Senate Bill 599 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Raymond E. Basham
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to allow a district to count a pupil in membership without approval from the pupil's district of residence, if the pupil had a parent employed by the district counting the pupil. "Child" would include an adopted child or legal ward.

Currently, a district must have the approval of a pupil's district of residence to count the pupil in membership, unless the pupil attends a public school academy, attends classes less than half-time in the district, participates in a school of choice program, has been expelled, is enrolled in Michigan Virtual High School, or meets other conditions. The bill would add to these exemptions a pupil with a parent who was employed by the district.

Also, the bill would exclude from the definition of "tuition pupil" a pupil attending school in a district that employed his or her parent. A tuition pupil is one who attends school in a district other than his or her district of residence for whom tuition may be charged.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an impact on the amount of funding paid by the State to each school district enrolling an employee's nonresident child in the district in which the parent worked. The number of such students is indeterminate. Using average foundation allowance data, the State would pay the full foundation allowance cost (State average estimated at \$7,200 per pupil) for each nonresident pupil who enrolled in the district in which his or her parent worked.

The enrolling school district would receive an additional foundation allowance for each such pupil while the district from which the pupil left would lose a foundation allowance. The amount gained and lost would depend on the number of pupils transferring and the districts to and from which they transferred.

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