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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 10, 2022
Subject: Senate Bill 362—Building Needs Assessment and State Assessment
Consideration by Local School Boards

Senate Bill 362 would amend the requirements of local boards of education with regard to publication, documentation and consideration of certain assessments during school district budget process.

Needs Assessment

Currently, local boards of education are required to conduct a needs assessment of the educational needs of each attendance center in the school district.

SB 346 would require school districts to publish such needs assessments on their website. Additionally, the local board would be required to include in the minutes of the meeting at which the board approves its annual budget, that the needs assessment was provided to the board, the board evaluated the needs assessment and how the board used the needs assessment in preparation of the school district's budget.

State Assessments

SB 362 would require local boards of education to review state assessment results and document the following:

- The barriers that must be overcome to have each student achieve grade level proficiency on such state assessments;
- Any budget actions that should be taken to address and remove such barriers; and
- The amount of time the board estimates it will take for each student to achieve grade level proficiency if such actions are implemented.

Effective Date

SB 362 would take effect upon publication in the statute book.