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Mr. Speaker,

The Education Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 144**, SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACTING AMENDMENTS, by Representative A. Defay, with the following amendments:

1. *Page Line 4 through 6:*

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill enacts provisions related to federal contracts and settlement
6 agreements with LEAs.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

2. *Page Line 8 through 13:*

8 →prohibits an LEA from contracting with the United States Department of
9 Justice unless

9 the State Board of Education reviews the contract or settlement agreement ;

10 →requires the State Board of Education to review each proposed contract or
11 settlement agreement between the

11 United States Department of Justice and an LEA or its governing board; and

12 →allows the State Board of Education to make recommendations regarding the
13 contract or settlement agreement .

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

3. *Page Line 24 through 32:*

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- 24 States Department of Justice.
- 25 (1)An LEA or LEA governing board may not enter into a contract or settlement
26 agreement with the United States
27 Department of Justice unless the State Board of Education first reviews the contract or
28 settlement agreement .
- 27 (2)The State Board of Education:
- 28 (a)shall review each proposed contract or settlement agreement between the
29 United States Department of Justice
30 and an LEA or LEA governing board; and
- 30 (b)may make recommendations regarding the contract or settlement
31 agreement .
- 31 (3)This section does not require the State Board of Education to enforce the terms or
32 conditions of any contract or settlement agreement reviewed under this section.

Respectfully,

Candice B. Pierucci
Chair

Voting: 13-0-3

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