

HB 827 -- Children in Licensed Residential Care Facilities

Sponsor: Muschany

This bill requires that the educational needs of each child committed to the guardianship of the Department of Social Services are to be considered part of the function of the child's family support team. When a child is placed in a licensed residential care facility by the department, the facility is responsible for the child's educational services, unless the child's plan of treatment indicates that the child is able to attend public school. The facilities will be reimbursed by the local school district, and the school district will be compensated as provided by current law.

Any child under the care of a facility whose plan of treatment supports attendance at a public school but who subsequently is suspended or otherwise demonstrates school failure will receive educational services at a facility with a school on site.

Facilities with schools on site may contract with the local school district to provide educational services at the facility. Residential care facilities will not be obligated to create an on-site school.