

HCS SS SB 112 -- EDUCATION

Subject to appropriation, this bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement a pilot program allowing the Regional Interagency Coordinating Council of the Greater St. Louis single point of entry to hire a part-time child-find coordinator by July 1, 2008, to conduct the child-find requirements of the First Steps Program for the region. The council must conduct a study on the effectiveness of the coordinator and prepare a report by September 1, 2010, to the State Interagency Coordinating Council, department, and General Assembly.

The Part C Early Intervention Pilot Program Fund is created for implementing the pilot program which will expire September 1, 2011.

The bill also exempts the state's early intervention services for children, known as the First Steps Program, from the sunset provisions.

Any school district wanting to change its boundary lines must submit the question at the next election after receipt of a qualified petition, rather than the next general municipal election. The State Board of Education must approve a proposed boundary change in certain circumstances based on the scores of the receiving and sending districts on their most recent annual performance reports.