

Excerpt from HFIN 3/17/14, 1:30 p.m. meeting per request:

2:22:19 p.m.

Representative Gara asked if any of the provisions in HB 278 took funding away from the Base Student Allocation (BSA) received by school districts for non-charter schools.

Commissioner Hanley replied in the negative.

Representative Gara asked if the Department of Education and Early Development had studied what BSA amount school districts would need in order to avoid a fourth year of cuts.

Commissioner Hanley replied that he had provided the information to Representative Gara's office. He stated that no two districts had the same number. He hypothesized that if one district needed an increase of \$110 and another district needed \$150 the average would be erroneous. He noted that there was no good number. He elaborated that if he had provided Representative Gara with a number in the past that it would be wrong at present because districts had changed their numbers. He communicated that in his ongoing conversations with districts numbers tended to be between \$100 and \$200; a few districts had communicated the need for an increase above \$200. He had not had any districts speak to him about a \$400 increase. He reiterated that the numbers had continued to change in ongoing conversations; therefore, it was impossible to provide a number reflective of all districts statewide.