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Sponsor(s): Senators Bailey, Erwin, Rinehart, Oke, Pelz, Anderson, Murray, Metcalf, A. Smith, Johnson, Barr, Skratek, Sutherland and Conner

Brief Description: Establishing the reach for excellence grant program.

**SB 5234 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Establishes the program to assist schools and school districts in local efforts to improve student learning and skills.

Assigns responsibility to the board of education for decisions regarding selection and funding levels of projects.

Requires grant applications to include target educational outcomes in three of the basic academic skill areas.

Provides that applicants for the reach for excellence program shall receive an automatic waiver from the teacher contact hours requirements.

Requires annual reports on the progress of the program.

Requires a study of the compensation for educational employees.

Makes appropriations of thirty-four million one hundred thousand dollars to carry out the purposes of the act.