2012-S
Sponsor(s): House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by
Representatives Fromhold, Cox, Kenney, Hunter, Quall, Moeller,
Chase and Santos)

Brief Description: Creating a special services pilot program.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates the special services pilot program. The purpose of
the program is to encourage participating school districts to
provide early intensive reading and language assistance to students
who are struggling academically. The goal of such assistance is to
effectively address reading and language difficulties resulting in
a substantially greater proportion of students meeting the
progressively increasing performance standards for both the
aggregate and disaggregated subgroups under federal law.

Provides that a maximum of two school districts may
participate. Interested districts shall apply no later than May
15, 2003, to the superintendent of public instruction to
participate in the pilot program established by this act. The
superintendent shall make a decision no later than June 15, 2003,
regarding which two school districts may participate in the
program.

Declares that the pilot program is intended to be six years,
to begin in the 2003-04 school year and conclude in the 2008-09
school year, unless the program is extended by the legislature.

Provides that school districts participating in the pilot
program shall receive state special education funding in accordance
with state special education funding formulas and a separate pilot
program appropriation from sources other than special education
funds equal to the district's special education funding for its
average percentage enrollment in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school
years minus the district's annual actual funding for special
education.

Provides that, by December 15, 2007, the superintendent of
public instruction shall submit a report to the governor and
legislature that summarizes the effectiveness of the pilot program.
The report shall also include a recommendation as to whether or not
the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or otherwise
modified.

Expires June 30, 2010.