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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 531, L.D. 1641, Bill, “An Act To Strengthen the School Transportation Workforce”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Examine Issues Relating to the School Transportation Workforce'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, shall comprehensively examine issues associated with the school transportation workforce, including, but not limited to, determining the best strategies for hiring, training and retaining school transportation personnel. The Department of Education shall consider ways to conduct training at no cost to the school transportation personnel. By January 1, 2020, the department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Each committee may report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, to comprehensively examine issues associated with the school transportation workforce, including, but not limited to, determining the best strategies for hiring, training and retaining school transportation personnel. The department is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Each committee is authorized to report out a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT