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Senate Education

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The committee made the following changes to the House-passed version of the bill:

- Requires public schools to include specified demographic data on expelled students and information on those expulsions in the expulsion records submitted to the Department of Education and Workforce under the bill.
- Explicitly states that a superintendent must comply with the same written notice and hearing procedure requirements for the original expulsion period when making a determination to extend the expulsion for an additional period.
- Increases the appropriation authority for school choice program administration in fiscal year 2025 from up to \$4 million to up to \$8.14 million.
- Exempts from closure requirements for the 2024-2025 school year any community school that meets established closure criteria but, for any of the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, or 2024-2025 school years, receives a performance index score on its report card within five points below the score required to receive two stars on its achievement rating and makes other changes based on performance on the subsequent two school years.
- Permits a public or chartered nonpublic school to store a drug prescribed to a student for a seizure disorder in an easily accessible location.
- Permits a student who is prescribed a drug to prevent the onset of a seizure or alleviate seizure symptoms to possess the drug if the school principal or school nurse receives written approval from the student's physician and, if the student is a minor, from the student's parent or guardian.
- Permits an authorized school employee, contractor, or volunteer to administer a drug prescribed to a student to prevent the onset of a seizure or alleviate seizure symptoms if the employee, contractor, or volunteer receives a copy of the written approval from the student's physician or training regarding the circumstances under which the drug is to be administered to the student and how the drug is to be administered.

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