

Chairperson:	Ron Raikes
Committee:	Education
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1154 would modify provisions regarding learning communities. Coordinating councils would be expanded with nonvoting members and an advisory committee of superintendents would be required. The Secretary of State would assist the initial councils in getting started. School district boundaries could be modified prior to the establishment of the learning community and the distribution of the common levy would reflect the previous resources for the first three years. The potential uses for the learning community capital levy would be narrowed. Provisions regarding the diversity plan and the educational options would be streamlined. Finally, the qualifications to become a learning community would also be modified.

**Principal Introducer:** 

**Senator Ron Raikes**