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Committee: Education  
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Ranking Member: Rep. Cownie  
Staff: Ann McCarthy (1-3015)

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## Licensing of K-12 Business Managers

In public school districts today the superintendent and the school board are responsible to hire a competent person to perform the duties of a business manager. The role of business manager may be done by a person hired for that specific purpose or may be part of the job of the district's support staff.

This Department of Education (DE) bill requires training for *new* business managers and Board of Educational Examiner's (BOEE) licensure for **all** business managers. The bill applies only to public school districts.

According to the Department six states require licensure of business managers.

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### Summary of Action

The House Education Committee **PASSED** House Study Bill 671 (now HF 2461) on February 10, 2010 by a vote of 14-9.

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### Section-by-Section Analysis

**Section 1: DE sets standards for Training** Requires the DE to set standards and procedures to approve business manager training courses.

**Section 2: Licensing of Business Managers** Requires all K-12 business managers employed after July 1, 2012 to be trained and to get a BOEE authorization. Persons employed as a business managers prior to July 1, 2012 would be required to get the authorization but not the

training. The \$85 fee is waived for the current business managers. According to the BOEE this would result in a loss of revenue totaling \$43,000.

All business managers would be required to take continuing education to maintain their state authorization.

**Section 3: Advisory Task Force** Establishes a Task Force to determine the training requirements. The task force submits its recommendations to the State Board of Education and the BOEE by December 31, 2010.

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### **Amendment**

*H-8186 by Cowrie – Strike Everything* This amendment strikes the bill in lieu of having the DE study and provide specific recommendations regarding the training and licensure.

The study would address the tuition and fee costs, the costs to the state agencies involved, the content and length of the training and continuing education, identify who should receive the training, and identify the level of licensure, if necessary, based upon a person's employment and educational background.

The Task Force submits its recommendations to the State Board of Education and the BOEE by December 31, 2010. This process allows the BOEE and the State Board the opportunity to jointly approach the 2011 legislature with a comprehensive request