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Testimony Supporting **SB 418**

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Chairman Barker,

My testimony relates only to New Sections 14, 15, and 16 in SB 418. These sections were added by amendment in the Senate Committee of the Whole. The need for this language came from testimony on SB 367, which is the bill dealing with juvenile justice reform, and from SB 410, which deals with foster care.

Concerns were expressed by public schools that there is a cost to dealing with children who are Juvenile Offenders (JO) and Children In Need of Care (CINC). These sections of the bill would provide needed funds for the schools that have to provide education for such children who are in out-of-home placement.

The juvenile out-of-home placement education fund is established in the state treasury. An amount of money is determined by each school district, which is an approximation of the direct monthly state aid per pupil received by the district from the state. These monies exclude special education funds, KPERS funds, capitol outlay funds, bond and interest funds, local and federal funds received by the district. The amount is intentionally low, but should represent actual money expended to educate the student.

When a student that has been attending the school is pulled from the school as a JO or CINC the district must refund this money to the state at the beginning of each month following for the remainder of the school year. This money is deposited in the juvenile out-of-home placement education fund.

The district who receives the student, mid-year, also calculates their direct monthly state aid per pupil received by the district from the state and will receive this amount of money from the juvenile out-of-home placement education fund for the remainder of the year, or as long as the child is attending the school.

This method is wholly separate from any school finance formula, so should work with the block grants or with any formula that should be adopted.

I ask for your positive consideration in passing SB 418 favorably.