

# SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 5 Date MAR - 7 2006

TO: S.B. No. 640, S.D. 2

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 640, S.D. 2 is amended by amending Section 1 of the bill to read as follows:

~~"SECTION 1. [The legislature finds that the enactment of the Reinventing Education Act in the 2004 regular session and other education reform measures represent a positive first step towards improving test scores, teacher retention, and the overall quality of education. While there are many issues to be addressed, the legislature believes that providing the department of education with greater autonomy will lead to an improved system of accountability and quality of service. Establishing the department of education as a political subdivision will free the department from impediments that sometimes lead to delays in much needed improvements to the public educational system.~~

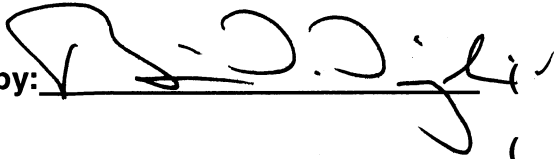
~~—The constitutional amendments contained in S.B. No. — will grant the department of education the autonomy it requires to effectively oversee the educational needs of the State's students and teachers. With that measure, the board of education will be empowered to head the department of education as a political subdivision in a manner similar to other political subdivisions of the State.~~



~~It is the intent of the legislature to provide the members of the board of education with proper compensation for their efforts in running the department of education. Accordingly, the~~ The purpose of this Act is to provide salaries for board of education members and require them to serve on a full-time basis."

SECTION 2. Senate Bill No. 640, S.D. 2, is amended by amending Section 6 of the bill to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect on July 1, 2095 [~~and upon the ratification of a constitutional amendment that makes the department of education a political subdivision headed by the board of education.~~]."

Offered by:  ) Carried  
( ) Failed to Carry  
( ) Withdrawn