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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2881

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RELATING TO EDUCATION

Senate Bill No. 2881 creates a Facilities Alignment Commission to determine whether new schools should be built, or existing schools expanded, consolidated, or closed. The Commission is assigned to the Department of Education for administrative purposes only.

We support this bill.

The Department of Budget and Finance believes that an ongoing and realistic review of school facility needs is necessary and that it is very difficult to close a school. The Facilities Alignment Commission will provide a mechanism to determine where schools should be built, combined, or closed. This will allow the State to make more efficient use of our resources.

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