

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SM 86

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Short Title: School Positive Behavior Intervention Systems

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael S. Sanchez

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Bill Summary:

SM 86 encourages the Public Education Department to:

- establish positive behavior intervention support systems in public schools; and
- provide professional development for teachers and principals to implement such systems.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Substantive Issues:

SM 86 states that schools that implement positive behavior intervention support systems:

- improve student outcomes and student engagement;
- have teaching and learning environments that are less reactive, dangerous, and exclusionary and are more engaging, responsive, and productive; and
- improve interactions with students whose behaviors require more specialized assistance.

Background:

SM 86 also notes that one middle school in New Mexico that implemented positive behavior intervention support systems experienced a 50 percent reduction in discipline referrals over a three-year period and an increase by 50 percent of students who had a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Committee Referrals:

SRC/SEC

Related Bills:

SB 528a *School Discipline Policy Requirements*