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**HB 347 Education - Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools (CLASS) Act of 2020 -
Innovation Schools**

House Ways & Means Committee
February 18, 2020

Ali Keane, Deputy Legislative Officer, Governor's Legislative Office
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Chair Kaiser, Vice-Chair Washington, and Members of the House Ways & Means Committee:

The Governor asks for your favorable report on House Bill 347 Education - Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools (CLASS) Act of 2020 - Innovation Schools. Governor Hogan firmly believes that every student deserves a world class education, regardless of the neighborhood they happen to grow up in. This legislation provides accountability and enables local communities to turn around persistently underperforming schools.

House Bill 347 (as amended) designates schools identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Schools that do not exit CSI status after three years will become Innovation Schools. The Innovation Schools are based off of a model Governor Deval Patrick created in Massachusetts to empower local communities by creating greater autonomy and flexibility.

The local school board will establish a committee to develop a turnaround plan, which will cover a wide range of areas, including curriculum, budget, schedule, staffing, and professional development. The committee, which will hold a public hearing on its five-year plan, will be comprised of the county superintendent, a local board member, a parent who has one or more children enrolled in the school, a principal employed in the district, and two teachers employed in the district. Innovation Schools will continue to receive full funding while being held accountable for meeting benchmarks in such areas as graduation rates, student performance, and closing achievement gaps.

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BY: Administration
(To be offered in the Ways and Means Committee)

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 347
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 1, strike “(A)”; strike beginning with the first “THE” in line 1 down through “(B)” in line 3 and substitute a comma; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 9, inclusive; and strike beginning with “GIVEN” in line 12 down through “YEARS” in line 13 and substitute:

“(1) IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT;
AND

(2) AFTER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT STUDENT OUTCOMES HAVE NOT IMPROVED.”.