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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1124**

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**Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2012**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby: To require the State Board of Education, on or before December 2012, to establish an accountability system to be used to measure the performance of individual public schools and school districts beginning with the 2012-13 school year. The accountability system would be required to combine multiple measures, including, but not limited to, graduation rates, student growth and student improvement on state-wide assessments, student attendance rates, kindergarten readiness rates and other indicators of the performance of public schools and school districts as established by the board. The measures selected by the State Board for the accountability system could be combined into a school performance score and district performance score. The performance score shall take into consideration the growth of students who score in the top quartile and bottom quartile on the assessments to ensure that the accountability system identifies schools and school districts which are not sufficiently meeting the needs of both high-performing and low-performing students. The State Department of Education would be required to annually report the performance of individual public schools and school districts as part of the state-wide assessment and reporting system.

The bill would also provide for the designation of schools that do not meet the minimum level of growth established by the board as a priority school and the establishment of intervention teams provided by Educational Service Units (ESU) in each ESU containing a priority school.

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