The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2078 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires that a department or agency of the Executive Branch notify the Director of Public Information in the Office of Legislative Services within 30 days of completion of any draft report which results from a school district audit, other than the required annual audit, provided that the report is considered a public record. The bill also requires that a department or agency of the Executive Branch submit any final report which results from a school district audit, other than the required annual audit, to the Legislature within 30 days of completion of the final report. Under the bill, the Director of Public Information must notify the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the General Assembly, and the members of the Legislature of the availability of the reports.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the notice of the draft report’s completion be provided to the Director of Public Information, who will then provide notification of the availability of the draft report to the Legislature in accordance with established procedures. The notice must be provided for only those draft reports which are considered to be public records. Finally, the committee amended the bill to provide that a department or agency must submit a final report resulting from a school district audit to the Legislature pursuant to established procedures.