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**Bill/Sponsor**            **HOUSE BILL 4714 (H-2), as reported from committee, Rep. David Farhat**

**House Committee**        Education

**Analysis**

**Summary**

HB 4714 (H-2) would allow state and federal professional development funds appropriated by the legislature to be used to establish a Principal Leadership Academy. The Department of Education would establish the academy, which would consist of training for school principals. The required training would be provided by other principals who have been deemed by school superintendents to be successful.

**Fiscal Impact**

HB 4714 would create an indeterminate cost to the Department of Education. The cost would be due to an increased amount of staff time and other resources required to plan the academy, solicit and process input from superintendents, develop a curricula for the required training, and administer the academy. It is unclear whether there would be a cost to local school districts to send principals to the Academy.

Although HB 4714 amends Sec. 1525 to add Principal Leadership Academies to the list of allowable uses of state and federal professional development funds, it should be noted that there are currently no state funds for this purpose. (When Sec. 1525 was last amended, there were \$10 million in state professional development funds appropriated under Sec. 95 of the School Aid Act, which has since been repealed.). While the legislature no longer appropriates state funds for the program, it does appropriate federal monies which may be used for professional development (Improving Teacher Quality grants). These grants could be used to offset the cost of the Academies to the extent allowable by federal law.

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