

Committee on Education

CS/HB 313 — Single-Gender Public School Programs

by Choice and Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. Diaz, M. and others (CS/SB 514 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Flores)

The bill provides additional guidelines for establishing single-gender elementary, middle, or high schools by requiring district school boards establishing such schools to:

- Separate students into grade-level single-gender classes for instruction in core courses;
- Open enrollment to all students within the school district;
- Require administrators and teachers to participate in professional development that includes scheduling and instructional strategies; and
- Provide the Department of Education a comparison of the academic performance of students in gender-specific schools with that of students in other public schools in the school district.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 110-4