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### **BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Senate Bill 858, Printer's No. 883**

#### **Prime Sponsor: Waugh**

#### **A. SYNOPSIS:**

Senate Bill 858 would permit school districts to hire a person to serve as a superintendent or assistant superintendent if he or she holds a graduate degree in business or finance.

#### **B. BILL ANALYSIS:**

Current law states that no person shall be eligible for election or appointment as a superintendent or assistant superintendent unless they meet the following criteria:

1. Holds a college diploma from an institution approved by PDE;
2. Has had six years of successful teaching experience, with at least three years in a supervisory or administrative capacity; and
3. Has completed a PDE-approved graduate program that includes school leadership standards under section 1217. For school districts of the first class, five years of administrative experience at the assistant, associate or deputy superintendent level may be substituted for graduate administrative courses.

The bill adds a provision allowing a person to be eligible for election or appointment as a superintendent or assistant superintendent if he holds a graduate degree in business or finance. The criteria listed above would not apply for these candidates.

The bill shall take effect in 60 days.

#### **C. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:**

The bill amends Section 1003 (relating to eligibility) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

#### **D. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

Amendment A01115 (Dinniman) would require that a person elected or appointed as a district superintendent or assistant district superintendent by virtue of having a graduate degree in business or finance must also successfully complete a leadership development program that meets the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under section 1217 of the School Code.