

**HB 2669 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Declares that children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind have the same rights and potential as children who are not deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Establishes requirements for school districts to serve children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Needs of students who are deaf and hard-of-hearing

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind may qualify for specially designed instruction or accommodations under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or under state law. House Bill 2669 declares that children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind have the same rights as children who are not deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind and establishes requirements for school districts to serve them.