

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Barker
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Walker

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 15 – 1 – 3

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields, P. Smith

– Nays:

– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Schrader, Verger, Whitsett

– Nays: Gordly

– Exc: Bates, Nelson, Winters

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Meeting Date: February 19, 2008

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies up to \$350,000 from State School Fund may be spent for administration and support of talented and gifted (TAG) education. Removes limit on percentage of amount of appropriated moneys that Department of Education may use for administration of TAG education. Permits such funds to be used for services including contracting for creation and administration of regional TAG centers. Charges school districts with including information to prevent use of anabolic steroids and performance-enhancing supplements in health and physical education curricula. Clarifies dates when represented and non-represented employees of school districts participate in school district benefit plans. Extends from one year to three years the amount of time a student teacher or others registered to complete a practicum or internship must re-submit fingerprints to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Requires waiver of tuition at Oregon University System institutions and Oregon Health and Sciences University for child, spouse, or unremarried surviving spouse of service member under certain circumstances. Requires waiver for qualified student pursuing baccalaureate or master's degree. Provides maximum waiver term. Provides waiver may be granted only for courses that are available for enrollment whether or not qualified student attends the course and pays tuition. Requires qualified student be state resident and admitted to eligible institution. Requires eligible institutions and community colleges to report to Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly regarding accommodation of financial needs of qualified students. Repeals statute on first aid cards required for teaching licenses. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Position authority will be granted to the Department of Education for TAG in SB 5556.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3141 (2007) permitted the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to spend up to \$350,000 on TAG programs. However, due to other existing statutes, ODE was limited in the total amount that could be spent on TAG program staff and was not authorized to contract for regional TAG centers, two ideas that were part of Senate Bill 622 (2007), which did not become law.

Senate Bill 517 (2007) directed ODE to work with voluntary organizations approved to administer interscholastic activities to develop a steroid and performance-enhancing supplement education program. ODE does not generally develop curriculum, as that is a task performed by school districts.

Senate Bill 426 (2007) created the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB). As adopted, collective bargaining groups are not mandated to participate in OEBB until October 1, 2009, rather than 2008. Additionally, non-represented employees are required to participate in OEBB on October 1, 2008, even if no other groups in the district are otherwise participating in OEBB. The OEBB has indicated that this poses administrative difficulties for school districts.