

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 9 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
Nays: Komp
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals statute that permits school districts utilizing a child development specialist program to seek reimbursement of costs. Provides that repeal of the statute applies to costs incurred in the fiscal quarters beginning on or after the effective date of the act. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of child development specialist programs
- Status of the program and last reimbursement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Child development specialist programs were started in 1973 to help districts better serve families at a time when there was a shortage of licensed school counselors. In prior years, the Legislative Assembly provided funds to the Department of Education to give grants to school districts to help pay for these programs. The last school district to receive a grant was the Ashland School District during the 1991-1992 school year. Senate Bill 63 removes the requirement that the Superintendent of Public Instruction reimburse school districts for costs incurred by child development specialists.