

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means |
| Vote: | 3 - 2 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Kruse, Morse, Hass |
| Nays: | Bonamici, Metsger |
| Exc.: | 0 |
| Prepared By: | Dana Richardson, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 4/15, 4/27 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Suspends certain school district reporting requirements and School Improvement Fund evaluations during 2009-2011 biennium. Prohibits withholding of State School Funds for lack of compliance with requirements during suspension. Suspends requirement for Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue school district and school performance reports. Suspends requirement to make alternative placements available to students who do not meet or exceed academic content standards. Suspends requirement to provide minimum salary to substitute teachers and permits such teachers to be paid for less than one-half day. Suspends requirement for school districts to identify talented and gifted students or provide related educational programs and services. Suspends requirement to provide a minimum amount of instruction each day and each year. Suspends requirement to provide guidance and counseling programs. Suspends requirement to provide media programs. Suspends class size restrictions. Suspends demonstrating compliance with state standards under certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Permissive suspension of mandates
- Reporting of changes to school improvement plans
- Regulations regarding class size
- Legislative value statement on services in schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Reporting requirements that would be suspended under Senate Bill 441A for the 2009-2011 biennium include: collection and reporting of data on the number of minutes of physical education (P.E.) that are provided and the physical capacity of schools to provide P.E., data on drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs, data on the Expanded Options Program, and surveys on the level of readiness for children entering kindergarten. Additionally, purchase of State Board of Education-approved instructional materials would be suspended for time periods prescribed by the board.