

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued  
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 5 - 2 - 1  
Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Gelser, Read, Roblan  
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Meeting Dates: 6/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Education to grant a 10th grade assessment waiver to eligible school districts during the 2009-11 biennium. Makes a district eligible if the district had an assessment contract with an entity different from that used by the state in 2007-08 and the entity met the conditions for administering an assessment test in the most recent year and plans do so again in the waiver year. Specifies that such a waiver is valid for one school year and eligible for renewal. Requires the Department to reimburse the waiver districts for assessment costs out of the \$550,000 from the State School Fund that is otherwise allocated to education service districts. Repeals granting waivers on June 30, 2011. Takes effect July 1, 2009.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- Reasons for requiring uniformity and for allowing school districts to use alternative assessment instrument
- Results of prior request for proposal process
- Impact of existing law on school districts using alternative assessment instrument.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Legislation in the 2008 Supplemental Session granted district waiver authority for 2008-09 without any specific funding.