

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school districts to submit written plans of instruction for talented and gifted (TAG) students to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prohibits Superintendent from approving plans without school district agreements to expend district funds for special education on talented and gifted programs. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of statewide data on TAG programs
- Need for continuity across districts
- Scarcity of programs in rural districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Talented and Gifted (TAG) education provides instruction that challenges high-achieving learners. House Bill 2180 requires school districts to submit written plans for TAG students to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval and permits districts to apply for state funds for TAG programs by submitting an application.