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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school district in which public charter school is located to be responsible for identifying, locating and evaluating students to determine which students may be in need of special education and related services. Provides distribution of state funding to school district for rendered services. Establishes timelines and inter-district and parent notice requirements related to special education when student enrolls in public charter school or no longer is enrolled in public charter school. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Streamline notification and funding process upon transfer to and from charter school
- Clarification of responsibilities regarding students in need of special education and related services
- Efficiency of notices and services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Sets up timelines for written notices to parent and between schools to expedite services and receipt of payment from State School Fund.

BACKGROUND: According to the Department of Education, Oregon had 108 charter schools in the 2010-2011 school year. Currently, the funding and responsibility for special education services is placed on the school district in which the student's parent or guardian resides, regardless of where the student attends school. For children who attend charter schools outside their districts, House Bill 2299-A shifts the responsibility, for identifying, locating and evaluating students to determine which students may be in need of special education and related services, to the school district in which the charter school is located. The measure provides for distribution of state funds to the school district which provides those special education and related services.

The district containing the charter school becomes responsible for providing timely written notice to parents regarding special education services. Additionally, the measure requires that school districts maintain appropriate student records regarding special education services and establishes notice requirements for school district upon student enrollment or when the student is no longer enrolled in the public charter school.