

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/21, 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school districts with public charter schools to identify, locate and evaluate students who may need special education services, even if those students do not reside in the district. Requires notices to be provided regarding special education services for students beginning or ending enrollment in public charter schools. Provides for distribution of state funds to school districts for special education services required by students attending public charter schools.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Double funding for students with individual education plans (IEPs)
- Eleven percent cap on number of students double funded per district
- Difficulty in coordinating out-of-district IEP meetings
- Both districts and charters have requested clarification
- Applicability to online schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute places the responsibility and funding for the special education services provision with the district where a student's parent or guardian lives, regardless of where the student attends school. For children who attend charter schools outside their districts, House Bill 2299 shifts that responsibility to the district in which the charter school is located and clarifies that districts with charter schools are responsible for determining if students attending the schools require special education services. The measure further specifies that the district containing the charter school is responsible for providing appropriate notice to parents regarding special education services and notice to the district in which the parent resides of the student's enrollment or withdrawal from the charter school. Additionally, the measure specifies when special education funding is provided to the district that contains the charter school for provision of special education services for its students.