

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Komp
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without recommendation as to Passage with Amendments to the B-Engrossed Measure and as Printed C-Engrossed

Vote: 22 – 3 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Richardson,
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays: Nolan

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 17, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows certain school districts of an education service district to withdraw from the education service district. Requires the education service district to distribute to school districts that withdraw, the school district's prorated amount of specified funds available to the education service district. The measure reduces the amount of distribution to ESD's in 2011-12 and again in 2012-13. Clarifies the scope of prorated funds to be distributed to a school district upon its withdrawal from an education service district. Directs that a withdrawing school district receive 90 percent of the district's prorated share of specified funds available to an education service district. Excludes, from the pool of funds to be distributed to withdrawing school districts, funds that an education service district receives for energy audit purpose.

The measure creates the Office of Regional Educational Services (ORES), under the direction and control of the State Board of Education, with a director of the ORES selected by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The ORES is directed to establish best practice policies, benchmarks, provide training and support to ESD superintendents, and make recommendations. The ORES director is allowed to enter into contracts necessary to perform the duties required by the measure. The measure provides that the OES may accept contributions to carry out the duties of the office and that moneys received must be deposited into the Regional Educational Services Account. The measure establishes the Regional Educational Services Account. The measure establishes a formula for an amount to be transferred from the State School Fund to the Regional Education Services Account each fiscal year beginning in 2011-12. The measure provides that the ORES may expend no more than \$500,000 per biennium from the account and that excess monies in the account must be transferred back to the State School Fund on June 30 of each odd-numbered year for distribution to school districts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently, for purposes of the State School Fund distribution, the education service district's share is 4.75 percent of the combined local and state resources available for school districts and education service districts.