

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Clem
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Bates

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 24 – 1 – 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, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 27, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: This measure resolves conflicts with several education related bills and includes the following policy changes: Allows an institution of higher education to evaluate a proposal for sponsorship by a public charter school; provides that the process or the decision to approve or disapprove of the proposal for sponsorship by the institution of higher education are final and not subject to appeal; retains current law that provides that the State Board of Education may not waive an appeal provision regarding requirements for virtual public charter schools and access to documents; and establishes the Task Force on Virtual School Governance consisting of seven members to recommend a governance structure for virtual education that is provided statewide. Staff support for the task force is provided by the Legislative Administration Committee and the task force shall submit a report to interim legislative committees on education no later than October 1, 2011. The task force is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2012 regular session. The measure is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of the conflict resolution and the establishment of the task force
- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the staff support for the task force from the Department of Education to the Legislative Administration Committee.

BACKGROUND: This measure resolves conflicts with several education related bills including: SB 250, HB 2960, HB 2299, HB 2301, HB 3359, HB 3362, HB 3645, HB 3681, and includes the agreed upon policy changes.