

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates: 04/29, 06/04

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the Task Force on State School Fund (SSF) Expenditures for Students in Poverty. Directs the Task Force to produce a report on how SSF expenditures relate to the educational attainments of students from families in poverty. Details the contents of the report. Directs that the Task Force to submit the report to an education-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2016. Takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relevant data availability and student privacy concerns
- Lack of information on how effectively poverty dollars are being spent and need for accountability
- Issues around rule making authority of the State Board of Education and definition of terms in the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-A6 replaces the bill. Creates the Task Force on State School Fund (SSF) Expenditures for Students in Poverty. Directs the Task Force to produce a report on how SSF expenditures relate to the educational attainments of students from families in poverty. Details the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND:

A school district receives additional weights for students in poverty families (0.25 extra for each student in poverty). For the school year 2015-16, ODE estimates that there will be over a 104,000 students in poverty and the additional weights from these students will reach over 26,000. Under current law, there is no specific reporting requirement related to the funding and expenditures based on poverty counts.

Separately, HB 3499 directs a school district to prepare and file an annual report related to the English Language Learner program. ODE is directed to report to the Legislature prior to January 1 of odd-numbered years.