

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/06/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Revenue By Prior Reference.

Meeting Dates: 03/25, 04/06

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs school districts to prepare and file annual report related to amount allocated for students categorized as in poverty families. Details contents of required report. Directs Department of Education to report to Legislative Assembly on data collected.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Approximate \$600 million distributed from State School Fund as part of English Language Learner/English as a Second Language (ELL/ESL) and poverty designation
- Lack of reporting related to families in poverty expenditures at the school level; inability to track moneys allocated for those students
- Desire to be able to track those moneys

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, under the distribution formula for the State School Fund, students designated as a “Student in poverty” receive an additional 0.25 weight, for a total weighted Average Daily Maintenance (ADMw) of 1.25.

House Bill 2968-A directs school districts to file annual reports to the Department of Education on students categorized as living in poverty and the Department to report the data to the Legislative Assembly.