

House Committee On Revenue

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/22/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/29, 06/04, 06/22

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Bentz, Davis, Johnson, Read, Smith Warner, Vega Pederson, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Lininger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Chief Education Officer to convene a work group 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 work group to submit the report to an education-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by November 15, 2015. 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
- Contents in -A6 amendments (Task Force)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the bill. Directs the Chief Education Officer to convene a work group 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 work group to submit the report to an education-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by November 15, 2015.

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.