

HB 3216 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 5/30, 6/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Chief Education Office (CEdO) to conduct study on identifying practices that assist public school students in impoverished families. Requires the CEdO to use study to evaluate effective practices that improve achievement outcomes, identify modifications to improve practices evaluated and identify sustainable funding sources. Allows CEdO to collaborate with stakeholders that include educators, school board members and school budget committee members. Requires study to consider variety of factors influencing poverty, including school districts, district size, location and other demographics. Requires report be submitted to interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Efforts to reduce poverty in schools by studying effects of poverty in districts
- Goal of closing achievement gaps and reducing number of students in poverty
- Practices in school districts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Chief Education Office facilitated a workgroup to fulfill the legislative requirements of House Bill 2968 and published a report on the relationship between State School Fund expenditures and the educational achievement of students from families in poverty.

House Bill 3216 requires the Chief Education Office to conduct a study on identifying practices that work to assist public school students in impoverished families.