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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017

Subject: HB 3412 Relating to assessments for children with difficulties hearing
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 3412 creates the 11-member Task Force on Assessments of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing charged with analyzing and making recommendations for a framework for assessing deaf and hard-of-hearing children to determine children's competencies in language and literacy skills to ensure successful access to the kindergarten curriculum in an equitable manner. The bill specifies the membership and duties of the task force. The task force must present its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2018. The bill takes effect on passage. The task force sunsets on June 30, 2019.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Education on 4/17/2017.

Fiscal impact

A representative from ODE is required to serve on the task force, and ODE is required to provide staffing support to the task force. ODE anticipates reprioritizing the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force, including attending task force meetings, collecting data, providing analysis, and preparing the report to the Legislative Assembly. Per the state Procurement Services Division, ODE estimates the cost of hiring American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for the meetings will be approximately \$5,473 General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium.

Recommended Changes

3 amendment

The -3 amendment: (1) adds a task force member - a school psychologist with experience working with deaf/hard-of-hearing students; (2) specifies that when analyzing and recommending the framework for assessment, the task force must be impartial with regard to the language taught to deaf/hard-of-hearing children; and (3) requires the chairperson to be a nonvoting member of the task force and may be elected from among any of the voting or nonvoting members of the task force. The -3 amendment does not change the original minimal fiscal determination

MOTION: I move adoption of the -3 amendment to HB 3412. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

It is recommended that HB 3412, as amended by the -3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 3412, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.

Carriers

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