

SB 263 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes requirements for abbreviated school day programs. Limits school district's ability to require student participation in abbreviated school day program to safety or medical reasons. Defines terms.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Some children with special circumstances or needs may require fewer school day hours to help address their conditions. An abbreviated school day program is an education program where a child receives a shorter school day than their grade-level peers for an extended period of time. Schools must carefully assess what types of programs can help children address their needs.

Senate Bill 263 establishes the circumstances by which a school district is permitted to require a student to participate in an abbreviated school day program. The measure limits schools to only putting children in abbreviated school day programs when the student cannot safely participate in a full school day or they are medically prevented from participating in a full school day, as described by the measure. Senate Bill 263 also establishes procedures and requirements for assessing a child's appropriateness for an abbreviated school day program. This includes individualized assessments based on behavioral, special educational, or medical needs. The measure provides for regular reviews of a child's condition by specified assessment teams and it establishes reporting requirements to the state Department of Education. The measure's provisions are also applied to public charter schools.