

HB 3216 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 06/01/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Chief Education Office (CEdO) to study practices that assist impoverished public school students. Requires CEdO to evaluate effective practices that improve achievement, identify appropriate modifications and identify sustainable funding sources. Allows CEdO to collaborate with stakeholders including educators, school board members and school budget committee members. Requires study to consider variety of factors influencing poverty. 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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Chief Education Office (CEdO) facilitated a work group 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 CEdO to complete the study of practices that work to assist public school students in impoverished families.