

SB 552 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Education (ODE) to convene advisory group to evaluate the appropriateness of, and compliance with, the media program standards developed by the State Board of Education. Requires ODE to appoint members to advisory group in consultation with organizations that represent public school educators and that promote school libraries. Requires ODE to submit report to interim legislative committee by December 30, 2021. Sunsets December 31, 2021. Requires State Board of Education to consult with State Library when reviewing and revising standards involving media programs and information literacy. Encourages school districts and public charter schools to offer courses in information literacy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Board of Education adopted its current media program standards in 2015. The media program standards provide direction to school libraries to offer multimedia instructional services to students, including information literacy, reading engagement, social responsibility, and technology integration.

Senate Bill 552 directs the Department of Education to convene an advisory group to evaluate the appropriateness of, and compliance with, the media program standards developed by the State Board of Education, and requires the State Board of Education to consult with the State Library when conducting its periodic review and revision of its media program standards.