HB 2669 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Prepared By: Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst

Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares that children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind have the same rights and potential as children who are not deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Establishes requirements for school districts to serve children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.

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:

Currently, children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind may qualify for specially designed instruction or accommodations under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or under state law. House Bill 2669 declares that children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind have the same rights as children who are not deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind and establishes requirements for school districts to serve them.