SB 595 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds a carve-out of the State School Fund for Talented and Gifted Education Account equal to one percent of the total amount available for distribution to school districts., beginning with the 2023-2025 biennium. Creates Talented and Gifted Account in State Treasury. Requires 50 percent of amount in account be distributed to school districts, 25 percent distributed to education service districts, and 25 percent to the Oregon Department of Education. Requires funds to be expended on talented and gifted education and related technical assistance. Requires moneys be distributed based on weighted average daily membership of school district. Requires moneys distributed to districts to supplement existing programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

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:

Current law defines talented and gifted (TAG) children as those requiring special educational programs or services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contribution to self and society who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one of several academic, creative, or leadership areas. School districts are required to submit a plan of instruction for TAG children, and may apply for state funds to provide TAG instruction. Senate Bill 595 creates a carve-out from the State School Fund for TAG education.