

SB 596 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to issue annual report cards for each school district that publicize specified information about talented and gifted (TAG) education, TAG students' demographics, TAG students' performance, district spending on instruction for TAG students, training provided to staff, and the results of parent surveys. Requires school district to submit information to ODE. Requires ODE to issue a statewide report card aggregating the information included on the district report cards.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of talented and gifted (TAG) students

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 596 requires the Oregon Department of Education to publish TAG report cards for each district as well as a statewide TAG report card.