SB 1002 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates distributions from the State School Fund for facility grants. Carves out no more than \$3 million per biennium from the State School Fund to help improve safety and security of students and staff. First applies to the 2023-24 State School Fund distributions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The School Safety and Emergency Management program funded by federal grant and need for continuation as school safety and security program
- Functions of the Office of School Facilities and its assistance to school districts in relation to capital construction bonding process
- Repurposing of facility grant
- State's commitment to a new carve-out from the State School Fund
- Competing ends but limited resources

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies that the school safety and security carve-out is used to support not only school districts but also education service districts and public charter schools.

BACKGROUND:

This measure eliminates facility grants (up to \$3 million per biennium) and redirects the money (no more than \$3 million per biennium) for school safety and security, thus removing one grant and creating a new carve-out in the State School Fund distributions.

Under current law, facility grants are part of the grants to school districts and the grants are funded from the school district share of the formula revenue. This measure abolishes facility grants. The measure also specifies that the new safety and security carve-out come directly from the State School Fund (or the common pool of the formula revenue to be distributed to school districts and education service districts).