

HB 2669 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Patterson

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/04/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-1-1

Yeas: 5 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, President Wagner

Exc: 1 - Weber

Abs: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/18, 5/4

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of students who are deaf and hard-of-hearing
- Provisions of measure
- Efforts in other states

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 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or 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.