

HB 2997 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Kruse

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/09/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that half of collected fines for truancy violations are sent to school district or education service district, and other half sent to the state, county or municipal government depending on which court entered the judgment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirement that children six to 18 years of age must attend school
- Current fine of \$80 is given to public safety system
- Explanation of half the money going to school district or education service district

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

School districts have attendance supervisors who may determine whether a parent or guardian has failed to have their student in regular attendance. The attendance supervisor provides written noncompliance notification. Current law allows any parent or legal guardian to be fined for not sending their children to school. House Bill 2997 revises the collection of fines and its allocation.