

SB 486 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to develop and implement plans of instruction for talented and gifted children. Establishes plan requirements.

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:

-2 Requires that plan include opportunity for talented and gifted children and their parents to discuss available programs and services. Modifies provisions relating to availability of plan.

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. The legislatively adopted budget for the current biennium contained a carve-out from the State School Fund for \$175,000 to pay for administrative costs of the Oregon Department of Education related to TAG education, but no funding for grants to school districts has been allocated.