

SB 486 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirement that school districts to develop plans of instruction for talented and gifted children. Establishes new plan requirements. Requires that plan include opportunity for talented and gifted children and their parents to discuss available programs and services.

Senate floor: Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 3--Boquist, Heard, Robinson; Excused, 1--Linthicum.

Fiscal impact issued (indeterminate).

No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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. 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.

Senate Bill 486 A requires school districts to develop plans and establishes requirements governing the communication of the plan to parents and students.