

HB 3624 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Owens

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/09/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-1-0

Yeas: 7 - Dobson, Harbick, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Ruiz, Wright

Exc: 1 - Nguyen H

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/31, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires education service districts (ESDs) to select one examination from an approved list and administer it three times each year for children who are homeschooled, at no cost to the child's parent or guardian. It allows parents to select a different examination and have that examination administered to their child by a neutral person.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The costs to homeschool families of required examinations
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Current law allows children to be withdrawn from public school if they are being educated in the home by a parent or legal guardian. Parents or guardians who choose to homeschool are required to notify their local education service district in writing, and must provide for a comprehensive examination of their children in grades 3, 5, 8, and 10.