SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5486

As of February 8, 2017

Title: An act relating to eliminating the innovation in supplemental contracts report to the legislature.

Brief Description: Eliminating the reporting requirement for innovative supplemental contracts.

Sponsors: Senators Zeiger, Rolfes, Kuderer and Chase; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/07/17.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Eliminates the requirement that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction report to the Legislature a summarization of school district innovative supplemental contracts.

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Staff: Alia Kennedy (786-7405)

Background: School districts may provide additional salary to certificated instructional staff beyond that provided by the state. The additional salary is provided using supplemental contracts, also known as TRII contracts, and must be for additional time, responsibilities, incentives, and innovations. Local levy revenue is used for most supplemental contracts. State law provides that supplemental contracts must not be used for basic education and must not create any present or future funding obligation for the state.

Under current law, school districts must annually provide a brief description of the innovative activities included in any supplemental contract to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). OSPI must summarize the school district information and submit an annual report to the education committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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Summary of Bill: OSPI is no longer required to summarize and report to the Legislature information received from school districts describing innovative activities included in supplemental contracts.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Only a small number of school districts report compensation in this area to OSPI, which makes the mandated legislative reports small. OSPI is still receiving the same information, but instead of an official report to the Legislature, would prefer to provide the information by email as requested on an needed basis.

Persons Testifying: PRO: T.J. Kelly, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.