

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6014

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As of January 11, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.

**Brief Description:** Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wellman, Trudeau, Dhingra, Nobles, Pedersen, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Valdez and Wilson, C.; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/15/24.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Increases the K-12 special education enrollment funding cap from 15 percent to 17.25 percent.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

**Staff:** Alex Fairfortune (786-7416)

**Background:** Special Education Funding. The state allocates funding for a program of special education for students with disabilities. Special education is funded on an excess cost formula for up to 15 percent of a district's students. This formula multiplies the district's base allocation for students enrolled in K-12 special education by an excess cost multiplier of either:

- 1.12 for students receiving special education and reported to be in the general education setting for 80 percent or more of the school day; or
- 1.06 for students receiving special education and reported to be in the general education setting for less than 80 percent of the school day.

Pre-K students receiving special education services, including three-year-olds, four-year-olds, and five-year-olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten, are funded based on a multiplier of

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1.2 percent. These students are excluded from the 15 percent enrollment funding cap.

**Summary of Bill:** The K-12 special education enrollment funding cap is increased from 15 percent to 17.25 percent.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 11, 2024.

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

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