

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Special education services		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a school district receives state special education aid for the costs of contracting with a public or private agency for physical or occupational therapy services. This bill authorizes a school district to contract for other services, including orientation and mobility training, educational interpreters, audiologists, and pupil transition services, and makes the costs of such contracts eligible for special education aid. In addition, the bill provides that the cost of contracts for speech therapy services would be eligible for special education aid, but only if speech therapists are unavailable for employment by the district.

State Fiscal Effect:

This bill has no state fiscal effect.

Local Fiscal Effect:

Allowing school district eligibility for special education aid for costs related to contracting for special education services beyond those under current law would possibly cause a redistribution of special education aid, but would not affect the total amount of special education aid currently distributed to school districts. Because it is unknown how many districts would contract for these services as allowed by this bill, the local fiscal effect is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications