BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

SB 706 delays the full implementation of the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) until the 2016-2017 school year. For the purposes of employment, full implementation of the TLE will occur during the 2017-2018 school year. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the TLE Commission, will continue to study the implementation of the TLE.

The measure modifies when a career teacher will be evaluated based on certain TLE component ratings. Following full implementation of the TLE and subject to due process procedures, a principal who receives certain TLE component ratings for two consecutive school years may be dismissed or not reemployed. Additionally, career or probationary teacher who receive certain TLE component ratings for a certain number of consecutive school years may be dismissed or not reemployed.

The measure stipulates that the quantitative components of the TLE must include performance measures for teachers in grades and subjects that do not have an accompanying state-mandated test. Local school boards must choose evaluation methods for these teachers from a list of State Board approved options. Furthermore, by December 1, 2015, the TLE Commission must recommend to the State Board multiple measures for providing a quantitative evaluation component for this group of teachers. The State Board must approve and publish a list of approved measures by February 1, 2016.

The measure provides school districts with the option of adopting an alternative percentage for teachers who have at least one tested grade or subject, on the quantitative rating of the TLE. Lastly, school districts will have the option of evaluating teachers previously employed by a different school district, or a teacher who enters into post-retirement employment, based solely on the qualitative components of the TLE.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review of the measure, it has been determined to have no measureable revenue or fiscal considerations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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