

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1459</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CCR A</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>7899</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	<b>5/15/2017</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0 overall</b>
	<b>Expansion of students/funds for program; less state aid funds</b>

**Research Analysis**

Please see previous summary of this measure.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

CCR A for HB 1459 relates to the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. The measure provides an addition that students may be on a specified individualized service plan for participation. Further, a student with specifications in out-of-home placement with the Department of Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs will be exempt from certain requirements and be required to meet all other eligibility requirements. And, a student evaluated and identified as eligible for special education and related services in accordance with the IDEA prior to enrollment in the second grade will be exempt from certain requirements and be required to meet all other eligibility requirements.

Department of Education personnel provide that the provisions will likely cause expansion of the program by adding students who could receive the state scholarship. Additional funds retained for the program will not be included in the appropriations for state aid. Scholarship per student is estimated to range from \$4,000 to \$10,000, and further adjusted by actual cost of tuition. The state aid factor could decrease with less funds available for the funding formula.

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**Other Considerations**

None