

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2702</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FULLPCS1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>12812</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute for HB 2702 requires directors and assistant directors of district-wide special education programs to hold a valid special education teaching certificate. If they do not have such certificate, they must have a valid teaching certificate and receive an acknowledgement of competency from the State Department of Education within one year of starting their directorship. To receive the acknowledgement of competency the director must complete a complete a 150-hour training course on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and earn at least a 70 percent on a competency exam in the area of mild-moderate disabilities, severe-profound disabilities, or comprehensive special education administered by the SDE.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure as currently written is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.