HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS HB 1815

Title: An act relating to programs for highly capable students.

Brief Description: Requiring school districts to provide programs for highly capable

students.

Sponsors: Representatives Clements, Talcott and Huff.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Meeting Date: February 18, 1999.

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Background: The Superintendent of Public Instruction must administer a program for highly capable students. Part of this program involves allocating supplemental funds to school districts for additional costs of programs for highly capable students.

Supplemental funds may be provided by the state for programs for highly capable students on an excess cost basis based on a per student amount not to exceed 3% of any district's full-time equivalent enrollment.

School districts, individually or jointly, may establish and operate programs for highly capable students.

Summary of Bill: Funds <u>must</u> be provided by the state for school district programs for highly capable students on an excess cost basis based on a per student amount not to exceed 3% of any districts full-time equivalent enrollment.

School districts, individually or jointly, <u>must</u> establish and administer programs for highly capable students.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 10, 1999.

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