

# HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

## SJM 8019

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**Brief Description:** Petitioning Congress to consider formula grants for gifted and talented education programs in its reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

**Sponsors:** Senators Eide, Patterson, Johnson, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, McDonald, McAuliffe, Sellar, Roach, Kline, B. Sheldon and Gardner.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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**Meeting Date:** February 23, 2000

**Bill Analysis Prepared by:** Susan Morrissey (786-7111).

**Background:** Currently, the U.S. Congress is considering the Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 1999. This bill would authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to states for use by public schools to develop or expand gifted and talented education programs.

**Summary:** The President of the United States and Congress are encouraged to include grants to states for gifted and talented education programs when considering reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.