

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Elementary and Secondary Education
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume there will be no fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency. DESE provided the following assumptions related to potential costs for local school districts: Staff in the DESE telecommunications section indicated the current charge for encoding media with closed-captioning is \$80/hour. The amount of time required to perform the closed-caption process is generally one and one-half times the length of the program. Therefore, based on these cost estimates; the cost to close-caption an hour-length program for school instruction would be approximately \$120. DESE assumes this represents a one-time charge to create a master which could subsequently be copied and distributed as a product for use in schools. Depending upon the number of copies to be distributed and sold, this \$120 capital cost does not appear significant in terms of inflating the individual product cost. Even if private sector charges for closed-caption services are three times that of the Telecommunications section, DESE assumes the overall cost to school districts in the form of higher product fees would be minimal. **Oversight** assumes costs to local school districts could be absorbed and therefore, for fiscal note purposes, assign a cost of \$0.

Officials from the **Kansas City Public School District** assume no fiscal impact resulting from **ASSUMPTION** (continued)

this proposed legislation.

Officials from the **Parkway School District** assume this proposal could cause an increase in the cost of such materials.

Officials from the **Columbia School District** state they only purchase medium that is closed captioned. The Columbia School District, when hearing impaired students are identified, has provided close captioned media and equipment in that student's classroom.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal may have a fiscal impact on businesses designing and marketing electronic video instructional materials for use in schools.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation requires closed captioning on electronic video instructional materials beginning January 1, 2006. Internet resources and multimedia programs for the elementary and secondary school level must meet standards for accessibility established by the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its accompanying regulations. Exceptions are made for certain materials. If the publisher of these materials knowingly fails to comply with the requirements, the entity that paid for the materials can receive damages of 10 times the amount paid to have them captioned.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

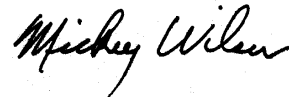
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