# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

### **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0099-02

Bill No.: HCS for HB 96

Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Elementary and Secondary Education

Department; Teachers

Type: Original

Date: February 6, 2009

Bill Summary: Changes the laws regarding school employee liability, safety practices,

and reporting acts of violence

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

- □ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

## **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency.

According to officials from the **Secretary of State's Office (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director** and **Missouri State Highway Patrol** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

According to officials from the **Department of Social Services - Children's Division (DOS-CD)**, this proposed legislation would not fiscally impact the Children's Division. The legislation changes the laws regarding school employee liability, safety practices, and reporting acts of violence. Children in the Division's custody by definition are homeless for schooling purposes. The change in definition proposed in the legislation would not change policy or procedure. Since this does not affect children in CD custody, there is no fiscal impact.

#### *§ 162.215*

Officials from the **Blue Springs School District** state there will not be any additional cost to their district as a result of this proposal.

**Oversight** notes that this substitute changes this section to include only the Blue Springs School District.

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## <u>ASSUMPTION</u> (continued)

#### *§ 167.020*

According to officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Youth Services** (**DOS-DYS**), this section contains a provision that appears to potentially impact the DYS. It requires districts to forward Individual Education Plans and health records with education records within two business days. Although this is commonly considered a best practice, it is not currently required by statute.

These changes are most applicable to public school policy and procedures and are not expected to fiscally impact DOS-DYS.

#### *§ 167.022*

According to officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Youth Services** (**DOS-DYS**), this section also contains a provision that appears to potentially impact the DYS. It requires districts to request all education records within two business days, including health records and individual education plans. Although this is commonly considered a best practice, it is not currently required by statute.

These changes are most applicable to public school policy and procedures and are not expected to fiscally impact DOS-DYS.

#### § 168.133.8

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** were unable to determine a fiscal impact for this section due to uncertainties regarding the meaning of the language. The meaning of the sentence, "A teacher's change in type of certification shall have no effect on the transferability of such records" is unclear. Currently, when a person adds a different classification area, they are re-fingerprinted; this does not affect how long the background clearance is considered valid. DESE states it is necessary to continue to fingerprint people when

they add a new classification – sometimes information is obtained that DESE has never been able to access. Fingerprints completed within the last year would be accepted. For those who have not been printed for 5-10 years, DESE needs to check because otherwise they have no opportunity to determine if their background is clear in other states.

**Oversight** assumes the language in this section of the proposed legislation addresses the transferability of records and does not mandate additional fingerprinting or background checks

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#### ASSUMPTION (continued)

and therefore will assign no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to school districts as a result of the proposal; however, DESE defers to the local school districts regarding any impact on insurance premiums, litigation costs, or administrative duties.

Officials from the **Marshfield School District** indicate that their district is already in compliance with the terms of this proposed legislation.

Officials from the **St Charles School District** state this proposal would appear to have little, if any, fiscal impact on their district.

Officials from the **Springfield Police Department** assume no fiscal impact to their department from this proposed legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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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**School Districts** 

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# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services
Children's Division
Division of Youth Services
Department of Public Safety
Office of the Director
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Office of Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Division

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