

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6366-01
Bill No.: HB 2113
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education Department; Telecommunications;
 Education, Elementary and Secondary
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from requiring the administration of any statewide assessment by electronic means during school years 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)	(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)	(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)	(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)	(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume this proposed legislation would require offering various exams in paper and pencil; therefore, maintaining the online version and the paper/pencil version. Additional costs are calculated as follows:

End-of-course exams	\$2,180,214
Grade-level	\$6,860,750
MAP-A*	<u>\$ 782,353</u>
	\$9,823,317

* The new MAP-A is not available in paper; therefore the old assessment would have to be utilized.

In addition, 2.0 FTE assistant directors would be required to maintain the exams.

Oversight assumes the legislation states that DESE shall not require the administration of statewide assessment by electronic means. Oversight assumes school districts that have been using electronic means for statewide assessments will be able to continue using that method, along with those in the process of converting to electronic testing. Oversight assumes this legislation would apply to those districts that do not have the broadband capacity to use electronic assessments.

If additional personal services are needed, DESE may request funding through the appropriations process. For fiscal note purposes only, Oversight will assume a fiscal impact of (Unknown - May exceed \$100,000).

Officials from the **Fulton School District** stated they have already expended \$500,000 on technology to do electronic testing.

Officials from the **Kansas City Public School District** assume little to no fiscal impact to their district as a result of this proposed legislation.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Special School District of St. Louis County** don't expect the proposed legislation will have a material fiscal impact on their district. They are prepared for on-line testing and if it were cancelled, the cost of paper and pencil testing would be incurred.

Oversight assumes the proposal would only apply to those districts that are not yet prepared for on-line testing and no additional costs will be incurred by local school districts.

Officials from the following school districts: Blue Springs, Branson, Caruthersville, Charleston R-I, Cole R-I, Columbia, Fair Grove, Francis Howell, Harrison R-IX, Independence, Jefferson City, Johnson County R-7, Kirksville, Kirbyville R-V, Lee's Summit, Malden R-I, Malta Bend, Mexico, Monroe City R-I, Nixa, Parkway, Pattonville, Raymore-Peculiar R-III, Raytown, Riverview Gardens, Sedalia, Sikeston, Silex, Spickard R-II, Springfield, St Joseph, St Louis, St. Charles, Sullivan, Warren County R-III, and Waynesville did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs</u> - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - Testing expenses	(Unknown - May exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown - May exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown - May exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown - May exceed \$100,000)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

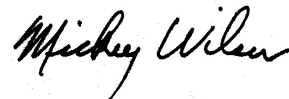
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

For schools years 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall not require the administration of any statewide assessment by electronic means.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
School Districts
 Fulton
 Kansas City Public Schools
 Special School District of St. Louis County



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