

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0467-02
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB Nos. 161 & 401
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education
Type: Original
Date: March 4, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits local school districts from setting an opening date for the school term that is more than fourteen calendar days prior to the first Monday in September.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information or on information regarding a previous version of the proposal. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume the proposal will result in no cost to their organization.

Officials from the **Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School District** assume this proposal will entail a lot of expense in terms of the time it will take to redo contracts, redo instructional schedules and it will have a negative impact on student achievement by causing the end of the 1st semester to be after the Christmas break after which students will need a lot of time to get prepared for end of semester finals.

In response to a similar proposal HB 401 (2019), officials from the **Francis-Howell School District** could not calculate a fiscal impact. However, they indicated the later start dates would make it impossible to complete the semester before Christmas Break, which creates a whole set of issues, academic and otherwise, that have to be dealt with.

In response to a similar proposal HB 401 (2019), officials from **Maries County R-1 School District** assumed this proposal would have a direct impact on our district as we are one of many districts that begin school before this date. Changes to the school calendar could be detrimental to student learning.

Officials from the **Springfield Public Schools** assume this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

In response to a previous version, HB 161 (2019), officials from **Kirksville R-III School District** assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

In response to a similar proposal, HB 401 (2019), officials from the **Carondelet Learning Academy** assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight notes this proposal as amended would set the opening day of school districts at no earlier than fourteen calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. Oversight assumes

ASSUMPTION (continued)

school districts that currently start before fourteen calendar days prior to the first Monday in September would be required to delay their start date. Oversight assumes there could be costs to delay a district's start date. Therefore, Oversight will show a range of no impact to an unknown cost.

Oversight received a limited number of responses from school districts related to the fiscal impact of this proposal. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information available. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other school districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. For a general listing of political subdivisions included in our database, please refer to www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
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SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

<u>Cost</u> - delayed start date	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 to <u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning with school year 2020-21, this bill modifies the law governing school start dates by removing the option that school districts may set an opening date more than 14 calendar days prior to the first Monday in September.

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
Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School District
Springfield Public Schools
Kirksville R-III School District
Francis-Howell School District
Maries County R-1 School District
Carondelet Learning Academy



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