

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0270-01  
Bill No.: SB 189  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Elementary and Secondary Education Department  
Type: Original  
Date: February 19, 2007

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Bill Summary: Requires the superintendent of each public school district to ensure that all students, prior to promotion from grade nine to grade ten, attend a tour of a proximate state correctional center.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
General Revenue	\$0	(Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000)	(Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(Expected to Exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Expected to Exceed \$100,000)</b>

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

According to officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DES)**, the proposal charges DES with enforcement of its provisions. Enforcement would likely fall under the purview of the Department's Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) which would utilize existing resources to ensure compliance. It should be noted that MSIP can enforce only those standards which have been introduced to the State Board of Education two years prior to the date of enforcement.

DES assumes local school districts will incur significant unknown costs associated with travel and loss of classroom time as many school districts are not geographically located proximate to a state correctional center.

According to officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)**, currently the DOC does not allow tours of prisons for people under the age of seventeen years for security reasons. If this proposal were passed as law, additional staff would be required for both scheduling and security purposes, including both one-time and ongoing expenses. The fiscal impact for passage of this bill for the DOC is unknown, but considered to be a significant annual amount.

Officials from the **Francis Howell School District** assume there would be a potentially significant fiscal impact to the district from this proposed legislation. The district would have to transport its 1,500+ 9th grade students to a correctional facility. It is assumed that no correctional facility would want to take 1,500 students at once; it is likely that the correctional facility would require that the district send very small groups of students. Assuming that the facility would accept 50 students at one time would mean 30+ bus trips, with a cost of about \$200 per trip. Estimated fiscal impact would be \$6,000 or more.

Officials from the **Fair Grove School District** state their district would have to take two buses (\$3.00/mile x 150 miles x 2 buses = \$900) and would also have to pay for substitutes that day for faculty to supervise the trip.

Officials from the **Springfield R-12 School District** stated that transportation costs for 1,882 ninth graders would be about \$5,000.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - DOC - Additional staffing and expenses to schedule and conduct tours	<u>\$0</u>	(Unknown - Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Unknown - Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )

<b>EXPECTED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - School Districts - Transportation Costs	<u>\$0</u>	(Expected to exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Expected to exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Expected to exceed \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Expected to exceed \$100,000)</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

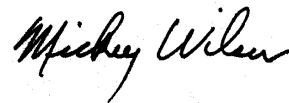
This proposal requires the superintendent of each public school district to ensure that all students, prior to promotion from grade nine to grade ten, attend a tour of a proximate state correctional center. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall enforce this proposal. The willful neglect of any superintendent, principal, or teacher to observe and carry out the requirements of this act is sufficient cause for termination of his or her contract.

This requirement first takes effect during the 2009-2010 school year.

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 Department  
Department of Corrections  
School Districts  
    Springfield  
    Fair Grove  
    Francis Howell



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