

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1156-01  
Bill No.: HB 373  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Elementary and Secondary Education Department  
Type: Original  
Date: February 17, 2009

Bill Summary: Establishes the General Education Development (GED) Revolving Fund

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Education Development (GED) Revolving Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**\*Offsetting fee income and costs exceed \$100,000 annually**

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency or on local school districts.

Officials from the **Office of State Treasurer (STO)** state that the STO will invest the moneys held in this fund in the same manner as all other state funds. The fund will continue to maintain its separate fund balance, but will be included within the state investment pool.

**Oversight** assumes, based on information from the GED website and officials from the GED Testing Section, that income from fees will cover the costs of GED testing. 12,207 people were tested statewide in FY 2008. The application fee is \$20 and the test administration fee is \$20, resulting in fee income of at least \$488,280 for FY 2008. It is unknown how many people may make an application but not take the test. There is also a \$15 fee for duplicate certificates. There has been a steady increase in the number taking the test since FY 2003. For fiscal note purposes only, **Oversight** will show offsetting income and costs in excess of \$100,000 in the General Education Development (GED) Revolving Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) REVOLVING FUND</b>			
<u>Income</u> - Fees from GED test applicants and test administration fees	Exceeds \$100,000	Exceeds \$100,000	Exceeds \$100,000
<u>Costs</u> - Expenses related to GED test administration	(Exceeds <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Exceeds <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Exceeds <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) REVOLVING FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<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.

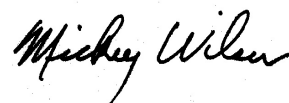
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation creates the General Educational Development (GED) Revolving Fund to be administered by the Commissioner of Education. The source of funds will be fees charged to GED test applicants. After appropriation, the moneys in the fund will be used for the costs of test administration, which are specified in the proposal. All moneys collected in cost-recovery activities will be credited to the fund, moneys remaining at the end of the biennium will not revert to the General Revenue Fund, and any accruing interest will be credited to the GED Revolving Fund annually.

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  
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