

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5035-01
Bill No.: SB 748
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary
Type: Original
Date: January 11, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal requires school districts to adopt antibullying policies.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	(Unknown over \$100,000)	(Unknown over \$100,000)	(Unknown over \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight notes the current statute (§160.775) requires all school districts to have an antibullying policy in place by September 1, 2007. This proposal expands those policies to include cyberbullying, procedures for reporting bullying and rules regarding the investigation of bullying. This proposal requires school districts to distribute copies of the policy, provide training to school staff annually and provide notice annually to students, parents and guardians.

Oversight will show an impact to school district funds of Unknown over \$100,000 for school district's whose current policy does not meet these new requirements and for the training and policy notifications.

Officials at the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume local school districts may incur additional costs to implement this proposal. DESE defers to the school districts.

Officials at the **Brentwood School District** assume costs of \$7,500 (\$50 per staff member) for training and \$200 for policy development.

Officials at the **Campbell R-II** and the **St. Charles** school districts each assume an impact that is unknown at this time.

Officials at the **Cassville School District** assume costs of \$3,500.

Officials at the **Eldon School District** assume \$1,500 for a trainer, \$9,450 for 172 teachers for a two hour course at \$27/hour for a total of \$10,950.

Officials at the **Everton** and the **Pettis County R-XII** school districts each assume a cost of \$1,000.

Officials at the **Central R-III School District** assume they already have a policy that meets the requirements so this would not have a fiscal impact.

Officials at the **East Newton, Fredericktown R-I, Kansas City, Kennett, Lee's Summit, Macon County R-IV, Parkway, Riverview Gardens, Sarcoxie R-II, Shelby County R-IV, Shell Knob, Smithville, St. Elizabeth, Warren County R-III, Webster Groves, West Plains and Wright City R-II** school districts each assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective school districts.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the following school districts: Arcadia Valley R-2, Aurora R-8, Bakersfield, Belton, Benton County R-2, Bismark R-5, Bloomfield R-14, Blue Springs, Bolivar R-I, Bowling Green R-1, Branson, Bronaugh R-7, Carrollton R-7, Caruthersville, Chilhowee R-4, Chillicothe R-II, Clarkton C-4, Cole R-I, Columbia, Concordia R-2, Crawford County R-1, Crocker R-II, Delta C-7, East Carter R-2, Fair Grove, Fair Play, Fayette R-3, Forsyth R-3, Fox C-6, Fulton, Grain Valley, Hancock Place, Hannibal, Harrisonburg R-8, Harrisonville, Hillsboro R-3, Hollister R-5, Humansville R-4, Hurley R-1, Independence, Jefferson City, Kearney R-1, King City R-1, Kingston 42, Kirbyville R-VI, Kirksville, Laclede County R-1, Laredo R-7, Leeton R-10, Lewis County C-1, Lindbergh, Lonedell R-14, Macon County R-1, Malta Bend, Mehville, Meramec Valley R-3, Mexico, Middle Grove C-1, Midway R-1, Milan C-2, Moberly, Monroe City R-I, Morgan County R-2, New Haven, Nixa, North St. Francois Co. R-1, Northeast Nodaway R-5, Odessa R-VII, Oregon-Howell R-III, Osage County R-II, Osborn R-O, Pattonville, Pierce City, Plato R-5, Princeton R-5, Raymore-Peculiar R-III, Raytown, Reeds Springs R-IV, Renick R-5, Richland R-1, Salisbury R-4, Scotland County R-I, Sedalia, Seymour R-2, Sikeston, Silex, Slater, Special School District of St. Louis County, Spickard R-II, Springfield, St Joseph, St Louis, Sullivan, Valley R-6, Verona R-7, Warrensburg R-6 and the Westview C-6 school districts did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
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SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

<u>Cost</u> - School Districts - policy updates, training and notifications	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown over <u>\$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

The definition of "bullying" is modified to include intimidation or harassment that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception, or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying is prohibited by students on school property, at school functions, or on school buses. Cyberbullying is defined in the act.

This act requires that antibullying policies treat all students equally.

Each school district's antibullying must be included in the student handbook. School district policies must contain, at a minimum, the following components: a statement prohibiting bullying, including a definition of bullying, as described in the act; a statement requiring district employees to report an instance of bullying of which he or she has firsthand knowledge, has reasonable cause to suspect that a student has been subject to bullying, or has received a report of bullying from a student; a procedure for reporting an act of bullying; a procedure for prompt investigations; how a school will respond to a confirmed incident of bullying; a statement prohibiting reprisal or retaliation against a person who reports an act of bullying; a statement of how the policy will be made public; and a process for discussing the policy with students and training employees and volunteers, as described in the act.

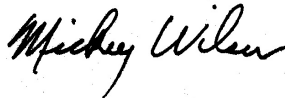
School district administrations must instruct their school counselors to educate students who are victims of bullying on techniques to overcome the negative effects of bullying, including the following: cultivating the student's self-worth and self-esteem; teaching the student to defend himself or herself assertively or effectively; helping the student develop social skills; and encouraging the student to develop an internal locus of control.

School district administrations must implement programs and other initiatives to prevent bullying, respond to such conduct so as to not stigmatize a victim, and to make resources or referrals available to victims of bullying.

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

Brentwood School District
Campbell R-II School District
Cassville School District
Central R-III School District
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
East Newton School District
Eldon School District
Everton School District
Fredericktown R-I School District
Kansas City Public Schools
Kennett School District
Lee's Summit School District
Macon County R-IV School District
Parkway School District
Pettis County R-XII
Riverview Gardens School District
Sarcoxie School District
Shelby County R-IV School District
Shell Knob School District
Smithville School District
St. Charles School District
St. Elizabeth School District
Warren County R-III School District
Webster Groves School District
West Plains School District
Wright City R-II School District



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