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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0643-01
Bill No.: SB 51
Subject: Disabilities; Education; Department of Health and Senior Services
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth through the age of eight.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
General Revenue	(\$9,414)	(\$9,414)	(\$78,030)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$9,414)	(\$9,414)	(\$78,030)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume this proposal would cost \$87,444 annually. DESE estimates the \$87,444 would include 765 language assessments per year x \$102 per assessment for a total of \$78,030. Plus the advisory panel cost of \$9,414 annually.

Oversight notes the language assessments are to begin on or after July 1, 2019 (FY 2020). Oversight will show those expenses beginning in FY 2020.

Oversight notes this proposal would become effective August 28, 2017 and the Advisory Committee on Language Assessment is to start meeting by September 1, 2017. Oversight assumes the first meeting would take place after September 1st but Oversight has included those costs in this fiscal note. Oversight notes the Advisory Committee is to have their report to the Legislature by January 31, 2019 and the committee is to terminate on July 1, 2019. Oversight will show the expenses of the advisory committee in FY 2018 and FY 2019 only.

Officials at the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Office of the Governor** each assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organization.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - Advisory Committee expenses</u>	(\$9,414)	(\$9,414)	\$0
<u>Cost - Language Assessments</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$78,030)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$9,414)</u>	<u>(\$9,414)</u>	<u>(\$78,030)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<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 act establishes a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing from birth through the age of eight. The program will be coordinated by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Starting on July 1, 2019, annual language assessments shall be given to children who are under 9 years of age and who are deaf or hard of hearing. The assessments shall be provided either through early intervention services administered by the commission or through the child's school district provided the child is 3 years or older.

An advisory committee on the language assessment program is established under the commission. The advisory committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor and three ex officio members. The executive director shall call an organizational meeting of the committee no later than September 1, 2017. At the meeting the members shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the committee. A quorum of the committee is nine members, and all actions of the committee shall be by motion adopted by a majority of those members present when there is a quorum. Any vacancy on the committee shall be filled in accordance with initial appointment procedures.

On or before January 31, 2019, the advisory committee shall develop specific action plans and make recommendations to fully implement the assessment program. In doing so, the committee shall collaborate with certain offices, solicit input from professionals trained in the language development and education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, review, recommend and monitor the use of existing and available language assessments, identify and recommend qualifications of language professionals and language assessment evaluators, and identify procedures and methods for communicating information on language acquisition, assessment results, milestones, and assessment tools used.

The specific action plans and recommendations developed by the advisory committee shall include certain items set forth in this act, such as language assessments that include data collection and timely tracking of the child's development, language assessments conducted in order to monitor and track language developmental milestones, language assessments administered by individuals who are proficient in ASL and English, use of assessment results for guidance on the language developmental discussions by IEP teams when assessing the child's progress in language development, reporting of assessment results to the parents of the child and

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the applicable agency, reporting of assessment results on an aggregated basis to the committees on education of the house of representatives and the senate, and reporting of assessment results to the members of the child's IEP team.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the State School for the Deaf shall enter into interagency agreements with the commission to share statewide aggregate data.

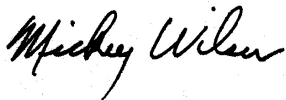
On or before January 31, 2019, and each January thirty-first thereafter, the commission shall publish a report specific to developmental milestones of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The advisory committee shall expire on July 1, 2019.

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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