

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0768-02
Bill No.: SB 362
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Type: Original
Date: February 17, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal requires a student to receive instruction in Braille reading and writing as part of his or her individualized education plan unless instruction in Braille is determined not appropriate for the child.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

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	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille instructor)	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille instructor)	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille instructor)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume there is no fiscal impact to the Department from this proposal.

Officials at the **West Plains School District** assume a cost of \$50,000 annually for staffing and materials.

Officials at the **Kirksville R-III School District** assume a negative impact. The cost would be finding a teacher certified to teach Braille.

Officials at the **Forsyth R-III School District** assume a negative impact to the district.

Officials at the **Kearney School District** assume no impact as this is already done.

Officials at the **Kansas City Public Schools** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes that last year DESE estimated the salary for a Braille instructor at \$60,000 plus \$34,200 [57% (school district benefit percentage)] for a total of \$94,200.

Oversight notes there are 518 school districts in the state that may be impacted by this proposal. DESE was unable to provide Oversight with the number of Braille instructors currently working in the school districts. However, they were able to say that in the 2016-2017 school year 42 school districts provided a course for visual instruction. Oversight will show the impact of this proposal as Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille instructor.

Officials at the following school districts: Arcadia Valley R-2, Avilla R-13, Bakersfield, Belton, Benton County R-2, Bismark R-5, Bloomfield R-14, Blue Springs, Bolivar R-I, Bowling Green R-1, Branson, Brentwood, Bronaugh R-7, Campbell R-2, Carrollton R-7, Caruthersville, Central R-III, 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, Eldon R-I, Everton R-III, Fair Play, Fayette R-3, Fox C-6, Fredericktown R-I, 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, Kennett #39, King City R-1, Kingston 42, Kirbyville R-VI, Lee Summit, Leeton R-10, Lewis County C-1, Lincoln R-II, 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 Kansas City, North St. Francois Co. R-1, Northeast Nodaway R-5, Odessa R-VII, Oregon-Howell

ASSUMPTION (continued)

R-III, Orrick R-11, Osborn R-0, Parkway, Pattonville, Pettis County R-12, Pierce City, Plato R-5, Princeton R-5, Raymore-Peculiar R-III, Raytown, Reeds Springs R-IV, Renick R-5, Republic R-III, Richards R-V, Richland R-1, Richmond R-XVI, Riverview Gardens, Salisbury R-4, Sarcoux R-2, Scotland County R-I, Sedalia, Seymour R-2, Shell Knob #78, Sikeston, Silex, Smithville R-2, Special School District of St. Louis County, Spickard R-II, Springfield, St Joseph, St Louis, St. Charles, St. Elizabeth R-4, Sullivan, Valley R-6, Verona R-7, Warren County R-3, Warrensburg R-6, Waynesville, Webster Groves, Wentzville, Westview C-6 and the Wright City R-2 school districts did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
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LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille <u>instructor</u>)	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille <u>instructor</u>)	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille <u>instructor</u>)
<u>Costs - School Districts - hiring a Braille instructor</u>			

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille <u>instructor</u>)	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille <u>instructor</u>)	(Unknown, \$100,000 per district that needs a Braille <u>instructor</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.

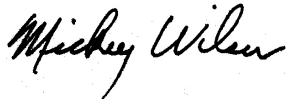
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act requires a student to receive instruction in Braille reading and writing as part of his or her individualized education plan (IEP) unless, as a result of an assessment, instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is determined not appropriate for the child. This act creates a definition of "assessment" and modifies the definition of a "student".

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
Forsyth R-III School District
Kansas City Public Schools
Kearney School District
Kirksville R-III School District
West Plains School District



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