

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1373-01
Bill No.: HB 604
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Type: Original
Date: February 18, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the School Turnaround Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
General Revenue	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$500,000)	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$500,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$500,000)	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed \$500,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
School Turnaround Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Intervention Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Recognition and Reward Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Transfers In and costs net to zero.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight notes a request for fiscal impact was sent to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on January 17, 2019 and was due back to Oversight by February 4, 2019. Oversight received a response on February 15, 2019. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume the proposal will result in no cost to the department.

Officials from the **Office of the State Treasurer** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Springfield Public Schools** assume this proposal will result in an unknown cost.

Officials from the **Bakersfield R-IV School District** assume an impact of approximately \$150,000.

Officials from the **Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School District** assume the proposal will have no direct fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight assumes this section creates the School Turnaround Fund which consists of appropriations and gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private or other sources to be used for payments to independent school turnaround experts and administrative expenses. Oversight assumes that all money will be used by the Fund in the year in which it is received.

Oversight assumes this section creates the School Intervention Fund which consists of appropriations and gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private or other sources for purposes of distributing grants to local educational agencies to fund interventions. Oversight assumes that all money will be used by the Fund in the year in which it is received.

Oversight assumes this section creates the School Recognition and Reward Fund which consists of appropriations and gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private or other sources for the purpose of distributing grants to local educational agencies to reward eligible schools or teachers employed by eligible schools. Oversight assumes that all money will be used by the Fund in the year in which it is received.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could require additional resources.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Oversight assumes JCAR will be able to administer any rules resulting from this proposal with existing resources.

Oversight notes the School Turnaround Act is subject to appropriation; therefore, Oversight will range the potential impact from "\$0 to" estimated expenditures.

Oversight notes §161.1090.5 states DESE shall not designate any school as in need of intervention before September 1, 2020 (FY 2021). Therefore, Oversight will not reflect an appropriation made for the School Turnaround Act in FY 2020.

Oversight notes §161.1100.1 states before August 30, 2020, DESE shall identify two or more approved independent school turnaround experts through an RFP process that a school in need of intervention may select from to partner with. Also, §161.1105 states DESE shall pay no more than fifty percent of the expert's professional fees at the beginning of the independent school turnaround expert's work (with remainder of the fee to be paid upon successfully helping a school turnaround). Also, in that section, in negotiating the contract, DESE shall offer an average of \$500,000 for the entirety of the project. Oversight will assume there could be two school turnaround experts under contract by FY 2021, each responsible for a school and each receiving \$250,000 (50%) on their contract. The number of experts and the number of projects

ASSUMPTION (continued)

does not appear to be limited in the Act, only limited by the appropriation awarded by the General Assembly. Therefore, Oversight will range the fiscal impact from \$0 (no appropriation made) to Could exceed \$500,000 (at least two new projects with half of the \$500,000 per project entirety average cost awarded each year). The impact in subsequent years (after FY 2023) could be greater if the goals are achieved and the balance of the contract is paid to the expert(s).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Transfer Out</u> - to the School Turnaround Fund	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown, Could exceed \$500,000)	\$0 or (Unknown, Could exceed \$500,000)
<u>Transfer Out</u> - to the School Intervention Fund	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Transfer Out</u> - to the School Recognition and Reward Fund	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed <u>\$500,000</u>)	\$0 or (Unknown, could exceed <u>\$500,000</u>)

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government
 continued

FY 2020
 (10 Mo.)

FY 2021

FY 2022

SCHOOL TURNAROUND FUND

<u>Transfer In</u> - from General Revenue	\$0	\$0 or Unknown, could exceed \$500,000	\$0 or Unknown, could exceed \$500,000
<u>Income</u> - gifts, contributions, bequests, or grants	\$0	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Cost</u> - payments to school turnaround experts and administration costs	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown, Could exceed \$500,000)	\$0 or (Unknown, Could exceed \$500,000)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE
 SCHOOL TURNAROUND FUND**

\$0 \$0 \$0

SCHOOL INTERVENTION FUND

<u>Transfer In</u> - from General Revenue	\$0	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Income</u> - gifts, contributions, bequests, or grants	\$0	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Cost</u> - grants to local educational agencies	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE
 SCHOOL INTERVENTION FUND**

\$0 \$0 \$0

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government
 continued

FY 2020
 (10 Mo.)

FY 2021

FY 2022

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND
 REWARD FUND**

Transfer In - from General Revenue

\$0 \$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown

Income - gifts, contributions, bequests, or
 grants

\$0 \$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown

Cost - grants to local educational agencies

\$0 \$0 or
 (Unknown) \$0 or
 (Unknown)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE
 SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND
 REWARD FUND**

\$0 \$0 \$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2020
 (10 Mo.)

FY 2021

FY 2022

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

Revenue - grants from School
 Intervention Fund

\$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown

Revenue - grants from School recognition
 fund

\$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown

Cost - administration of School
 Turnaround Program

\$0 or
 (Unknown) \$0 or
 (Unknown) \$0 or
 (Unknown)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES**

\$0 or
(Unknown) \$0 or
(Unknown) \$0 or
(Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes that Sections 161.1080 to 161.1130, RSMo shall be known as the "School Turnaround Act." The bill states beginning September 1, 2020 and subject to appropriations, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall use an outcome-based measure to set criteria for the designation of schools in need of intervention and specifies a time line for the initial remedial year (Section 161.1090 and Section 161.1095).

The bill specifies that before August 30, 2020, the department must identify two or more approved independent school turnaround experts of which schools in need of intervention may partner. The bill specifies that the department shall award contracts to independent school turnaround experts and that governing boards shall not be required to pay independent school turnaround experts. The bill also establishes the "School Turnaround Fund" for the payment of contracts (Section 161.1105).

The bill specifies that the department shall review school turnaround plans within 30 days of submission. Criteria for approval is specified in the bill as well as an appeal process. The bill establishes the "School Intervention Fund," to fund interventions identified in approved school turnaround plans (Section 161.1110).

The bill specifies that a school in need of intervention that does not meet the exit criteria within three school years may petition the department for an extension to continue school improvement efforts for up to two years (Section 161.1115).

The bill, requires that before November 30, 2021, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall report to the Joint Committee on Education on the implementation of the School Turnaround Act (Section 161.1125)

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
Office of the State Treasurer
Bakersfield R-IV School District
Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School District
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Office of the Secretary of State



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