

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0999S.02C
 Bill No.: SCS for SB 68
 Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Department of Elementary and Secondary
 Education; Firearms; Teachers
 Type: Original
 Date: February 20, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to safe school environments.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue	(\$97,524)	(\$19,992)	(\$20,492)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$97,524)	(\$19,992)	(\$20,492)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 160.664 – School Safety Incidents

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** state Section 160.664 will require changes/additions to the current data collection system. DESE Office of Data System Management (ODSM) assumes these duties can be absorbed. However, if multiple pieces of legislation are passed which require additional duties in this area DESE may need to seek additional FTE through the appropriations process.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Officials from **Office of Administration – Information Technology (OA-ITSD)** state DESE is a consolidated agency under OA-ITSD. It is assumed that all new IT project/systems will be bid out because all ITSD resources are at full capacity.

Section 160.664 will require changes/additions to the data collection system. DESE Office of Data System Management (ODSM) and DESE Data Governance will define all data elements needed to be captured and provide those to ITSD. These will be used to establish the database table(s) and fields. DESE ODSM will also collect any historical information in a standard data layout, that aligns with the database/fields they define, compile all data from all districts and charters.

OA-ITSD state the project would take 928.80 hours at a contract rate of \$105 for a total cost of **\$97,524** in FY 2026 with on-going support costs of **\$19,992** in FY 2027, and **\$20,492** in FY 2028.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated impact by OA-ITSD in the fiscal note.

Section 162.207 - Student Electronic Personal Communication Device Usage

In response to similar legislation, HB 854 (2025), officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assumed this section of the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this section.

Oversight assumes the proposal will have no fiscal impact on school districts. However, Oversight received zero responses from school districts related to the fiscal impact of this proposal. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information available. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note

should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, school districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

Rule Promulgation

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

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note 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 its 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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs – DESE/ITSD – programming</u> §160.664 p.3	(\$97,524)	(\$19,992)	(\$20,492)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$97,524)</u>	<u>(\$19,992)</u>	<u>(\$20,492)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<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 creates provisions relating to safe school environments.

SCHOOL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTS (Section 160.664)

This act requires local educational agencies to report to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) all school safety incidents and credible school safety threats that occur at each attendance center of the local educational agency, including, but not limited to, all actual incidents or credible threats of school shootings or other incidents or threats involving a firearm, explosive, knife, or other weapon, as provided in the act. DESE shall establish procedures for local educational agencies to follow when reporting a school safety incident or credible threat. These procedures shall include, but shall not be limited to, criteria to assist local educational agencies in determining what constitutes a school safety incident or credible threat that is required to be reported; a time frame within which such incident or threat shall be reported; and any other information required by DESE. DESE shall maintain and regularly update a database of all school safety incidents and credible school safety threats that are reported pursuant to the provisions of the act.

STUDENT ELECTRONIC PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE USAGE (Section 162.207)

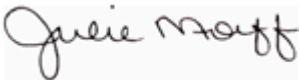
Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, this act requires school districts and charter schools to adopt a written policy governing students' use of electronic personal communication devices. The policy shall be designed to promote students' educational interests and provide a safe and effective working environment for school staff.

At a minimum, the policy shall prohibit students from using devices during scheduled instructional activities, outline disciplinary actions for policy violations, and provide exceptions for device use in emergencies, for instructional purposes, or when authorized under federal law, as provided in the act. The policy shall be published on the school district or charter school website, and school employees or volunteers shall be protected from liability when acting in good faith and following the adopted procedures.

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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