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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4325S.01I
 Bill No.: SB 1383
 Subject: Agriculture; Elementary and Secondary Education; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Agricultural Education Pilot Program to be implemented at all elementary schools statewide.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$126,700)	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$126,700)	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government*	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

*Oversight notes school districts for the agriculture education program could require additional staff, or have additional costs associated with implementing a new program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§178.530 - Pilot Program for Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools

Officials from **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume §178.530 would expand an agricultural education pilot program to all schools.

In order to implement the program as described, elementary teachers will need to receive training for the implementation. As outlined in 178.530.3(3), instruction will be provided through the nine RPDCs. DESE estimates one contract with the RPDCs at an annual cost of \$119,000. This contract would include an initial meeting with 20 participants representing various commodity associations to review the program and finalize training at a cost of \$7,700 (hotel/meal/mileage reimbursement). The commodity groups would then assist the RPDC in training elementary teachers across the state to implement the program.

Oversight notes based on the 2024-25 statistics of Missouri public schools report published by DESE there are 1205 elementary schools in the state and based on information provided by DESE only 40 schools participated over the three-year trial in the pilot program. However, it is noted that during the second and third year of the program schools were affected by the pandemic which affected the participation. DESE could not provide how many schools have continued the program after the pilot has ended.

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

In response to similar legislation, HB 1206 (2025), officials from the **Maries Co. R-II School District**, a district that participated in the pilot program for two years, stated they did not have any real cost. The materials were provided by the pilot program. The only costs were the teachers' time during the school day.

In response to similar legislation, HB 1206 (2025), officials from **Washington School District** assumed there is a financial impact for HB1026 of \$45,000 for the first year and every 3-5 years for a curriculum cycle- training for elementary staff \$7,000, and curriculum/course work \$45,000.

Oversight notes with the implementation of any new program, there may be varying costs to school districts based on specific needs for supplies, substitute teachers while training is conducted, and potential other costs to implement the program. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a \$0 or unknown cost to school districts in the fiscal note.

Oversight notes, based on information provided by DESE in the previous version, if districts elect to hire an AG teacher, they can also expect an expense for a teacher. The average Missouri

teacher salary without benefits and retirement on a standard 10-month contract is \$55,000. An Ag teacher on an extended 12-month contract would average \$66,000/year.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other school districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. 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. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – DESE (§178.530) Contractor/ Professional development p.3</u>	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)
<u>Cost – DESE (§178.530) Commodity association meeting p.3</u>	(\$7,700)	\$0	\$0
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$126,700)	(\$119,000)	(\$119,000)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost – School Districts (§178.530) Hire additional staff p.3</u>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
<u>Cost – School Districts (§178.530) Implement agriculture education p.3</u>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act ends the current pilot program for agricultural education in elementary schools after the 2026-27 school year and requires such program to be implemented at all elementary schools statewide beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Provisions of state law requiring the State Board of Education to form a work group to develop academic performance standards shall not apply to this act.

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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