

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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BILL NO. SB 587
SUBJECT: General Assembly
TYPE: Original
DATE: January 22, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	(\$13,320 to \$54,588)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$13,320 to \$54,588)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Division of Legislative Research** assumed the Joint Committee on Legislative Research and the Legislative Academy Advisory Committee would determine the extent of academy offerings. Costs for contract services would be up to \$35,000 per academy.

Officials from the **House of Representatives (House)** stated that the fiscal impact would be about \$5,040 per member participating in the Academy and \$1,332 per day for Advisory Commission meetings.

Academy: mileage payments of \$80 per week per member. In addition, they assume a per diem of \$68 per day for 60 days (5 days x 12 weeks = 60 days total).

Advisory Committee: nine members with mileage payments of \$80 per week per member and per diem of \$68 per member.

There were twenty-one new House members for the 1999 session.

Officials from the **Senate** assume most members elected to the Senate have already served the House and therefore may not participate in the academy. For example, they had two new members from the last election, but one member had already served the House. The Senate assumes the academy would be four days per week with per diem at \$68 per day and weekly mileage at \$80 per member (current average). This would result in an estimated weekly cost per attendee of \$352 [(4 x \$68) + \$80]. Total estimated cost assuming attendance for twelve weeks of the academy would be \$4,224 (\$352 x 12 weeks) per member. Assuming only one to two members attend the two week duration of the academy, estimated cost to the Senate would be \$4,224 to \$8,448. Given these assumptions the costs to the Senate could be absorbed within current appropriations during the period of this fiscal note.

Oversight Division officials assume the proposal would result in no direct fiscal impact to the Division and that additional duties could be accomplished with existing resources. They also assume for fiscal note purposes that the Academy sessions would be held four days a week and that the Advisory Committee would meet for ten days during FY 2002 to set up the curricula for the Academy and three days in subsequent fiscal years to update offerings.

Oversight assumes costs for each session of the Academy would be split between fiscal years and that sessions will be four days a week for twelve weeks.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

House and **Senate** officials note that costs for the academy could increase beginning in FY 2003 because participation will probably increase after constitutional term limit provisions take full effect. They also note that per diem is tied to federal per diem and will fluctuate as federal per diem fluctuates.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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GENERAL REVENUE

<u>Cost - Division of Legislative Research</u>			
Contract Services	\$0	\$0	(\$0 to \$11,700)

<u>Cost - House of Representatives</u> (0 to 21 participants)	\$0	\$0	(\$0 to \$29,568)
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<u>Cost - Advisory Committee</u>	\$0	\$0	(\$13,320)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$0	\$0	(\$13,320 TO \$54,588)
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would establishes a Legislative Academy within the Office of Legislative
DESCRIPTION (continued)

Research. The Academy would be designed to educate members of the General Assembly about

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the organization and operation of state government, appropriations and other aspects of the legislative branch. Sessions of the Academy would be conducted during the interim of each biennium following the first regular session of each General Assembly. Participants would be eligible for per diem and expense allowances comparable to session rates.

The proposal would also establish an Advisory Committee to the Legislative Academy comprised of nine former legislators chosen by the Speaker and President Pro Tem. Duties of the Committee would primarily focus upon the Academy curriculum.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program, would not require additional capital improvements or rental space, and would not affect total state revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

House of Representatives
Senate
Legislative Research
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