

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3686-01  
Bill No.: SB 937  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary  
Type: Original  
Date: February 25, 2002

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue	(UNKNOWN)	(UNKNOWN)	(UNKNOWN)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(UNKNOWN)</b>	<b>(UNKNOWN)</b>	<b>(UNKNOWN)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>School Districts</b>	<b>(UNKNOWN)</b>	<b>(UNKNOWN)</b>	<b>(UNKNOWN)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** and the **Office of State Courts Administrator** stated that this proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** indicated there would be no additional costs to prosecutors as a result of this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Youth Services (DYS)** indicated that the impact of this legislation on DYS is difficult to estimate. In 1999, there were approximately 9,500 youth statewide referred to juvenile court for having committed a felony. If school districts exercise their right, under this proposal, to suspend all youth alleged, indicted, convicted, or adjudicated for having committed a felony, the risk of committing larger numbers of youth to DYS increase. Under this provision, youth who have committed, or alleged to have committed, felonies may not be permitted to return to school even after court intervention and/or a course of treatment. The expense of providing these youth with an option of alternative education programming in community care and/or aftercare would be increased.

DYS is unable to estimate the fiscal impact of this bill because of the uncertainty of how public school districts will exercise their option of suspending youth alleged or adjudicated for felony offenses. The number of youth who would be impacted cannot be estimated and DYS is unable to estimate the duration of the suspensions impacted by the school districts; therefore, the fiscal impact of this proposal is unknown.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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### **GENERAL REVENUE**

Cost - Dept of Social Services - Division  
of Youth Services

Youth program costs	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</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.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation amends Section 167.161, RSMo, allowing a school district to suspend a student who has been charged with, or adjudicated to have committed a felony criminal violation, regardless of whether that student is prosecuted as an adult or as a juvenile.

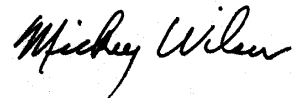
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Department of Social Services  
Division of Youth Services  
Office of State Courts Administrator

**NOT RESPONDING**

Office of Attorney General



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