

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4778-01
Bill No.: HB 1656
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Mental Health; Teachers
Type: Original
Date: January 6, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal requires training in suicide awareness and prevention for public school teachers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	(Unknown over \$100,000)	(Unknown over \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight notes this proposal requires all public school teachers to complete annual training in suicide awareness and prevention starting in FY 2018. Additionally school districts are required to adopt a policy on student suicide prevention. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is required to create a model policy on suicide prevention that school districts can adopt. Oversight assumes that the creation of the model policy and the adoption of the policies by the school districts would not have a fiscal impact. Oversight will show an impact to the school districts of Unknown over \$100,000 for the annual training.

Officials at **DESE** assume insignificant costs for the development of the model policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention. DESE defers to the local school districts for potential costs.

Officials at the following school districts reported annual costs for the required training:

Cassville School District = \$7,500
Concordia School District = \$8,000
Crocker School District = \$4,000
East Newton School District = \$1,000
Eldon School District = \$43,000
Everton School District = \$2,500
Hawthorne Leadership = \$5,000
Kingston 42 School District = \$20,000
Malta Bend School District = \$5,000
Riverview Gardens School District = \$11,250
Smithville School District = \$80,000
St. Charles School District = \$25,000
St. Elizabeth School District = \$250
West Plains School District = \$30,000 -\$70,000

Officials at the **Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS)** assume the impact is unknown until DESE outlines and promulgates the rules. If KCPS can utilize existing systems for training and professional development then the impact would be less than \$5,000.

Officials at the **Shell Knob School District** assume a fiscal impact but it is unknown at this time.

Officials at the **Macon County R-VI School District** assume no impact if they can use the DESE materials.

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Officials at the **Warren County R-III School District** assume no impact if they can incorporate this training into their regularly scheduled professional development.

Officials at the **Wright City R-II School District** assume little cost.

Officials at the **New Haven School District** assume a cost of \$100 per person for four hours of training per person.

Officials at the **Avilla R-XIII, Fredericktown R-I** and the **Parkway** school districts each assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective districts.

Officials at the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

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 \$2,500. 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 request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials at the following school districts: Arcadia Valley R-2, Bakersfield, Belton, Benton County R-2, Bismark R-5, Bloomfield R-14, Blue Springs, Bolivar R-I, Bowling Green R-1, Branson, Brentwood, Bronaugh R-7, Campbell R-2, Carrollton R-7, Caruthersville, Central R-III, Chilhowee R-4, Chillicothe R-II, Clarkton C-4, Cole R-I, Columbia, Crawford County R-1, Delta C-7, East Carter R-2, Fair Grove, Fair Play, Fayette R-3, Forsyth R-3, Fox C-6, Fulton, Grain Valley, Hancock Place, Hannibal, Harrisonburg R-8, Harrisonville, Hillsboro R-3, Hollister R-5, Humansville R-4, Hurley R-1, Independence, Jefferson City, Kearney R-1, Kennett #39, King City R-1, Kirbyville R-VI, Kirksville, Lee Summit, Leeton R-10, Lewis County C-1,

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Lindbergh, Lonedell R-14, Macon County R-1, Mehville, Meramec Valley R-3, Mexico, Middle Grove C-1, Midway R-1, Milan C-2, Moberly, Monroe City R-I, Morgan County R-2, Nixa, North St. Francois Co. R-1, Northeast Nodaway R-5, Odessa R-VII, Oregon-Howell R-III, Osage County R-II, Osborn R-O, Pattonville, Pettis County R-12, Pierce City, Plato R-5, Princeton R-5, Raymore-Peculiar R-III, Raytown, Reeds Springs R-IV, Renick R-5, Richland R-1, Richmond R-XVI, Salisbury R-4, Sarcoxie R-2, Scotland County R-I, Sedalia, Seymour R-2, Shelby County R-4, Sikeston, Silex, Special School District of St. Louis County, Spickard R-II, Springfield, St Joseph, St Louis, Sullivan, Valley R-6, Verona R-7, Warrensburg R-6, Webster Groves, and the Westview C-6 School District did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
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SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

<u>Cost</u> - School Districts - youth suicide awareness and prevention training	<u>\$0</u>	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown over <u>\$100,000</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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires training in suicide awareness and prevention and will be known as the "Jason Flatt Act."

The annual training must occur through in-service training programs offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) or through professional development programs

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offered by the school district. DESE must develop a list of approved training materials to fulfill the training requirements, which may include how to identify appropriate mental health services and when and how to refer youth and their families to them.

Each school district must adopt a policy on student suicide prevention in consultation with specified entities and experts. The policy must address, at a minimum, procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. DESE must develop a model policy that school districts may adopt.

The training, or lack thereof, must not be construed as imposing a specific duty of care and no person will have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of these provisions.

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

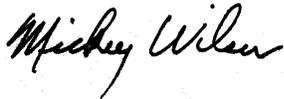
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Cassville School District
Concordia School District
Crocker School District
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
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Everton R-III School District
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