

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2840-01
Bill No.: HB 1264
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education Dept; Religion
Type: Original
Date: January 2, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** indicate this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation requires the observance of a minute of silence at the beginning of each school day in all public schools for the purpose of guaranteeing free exercise of religion. The bill also clarifies that a public school student has the right to pray privately in a nondisruptive manner during school or extracurricular activities, if the same rules of order that apply to any student speech are observed, and that students may gather to pray at other times, also subject to the same rules of student speech. Districts may allow their students to leave the school building during the school day to attend religious instruction, subject to rules governing scheduling and academic advancement. Districts will not lose state school aid as a result, nor are districts required to provide classes outside the regular school day to accommodate such students. Religious groups must be allowed to use school premises if the school permits other groups not sponsored by the school to use its premises, under the same rules.

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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