

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0029-02
Bill No.: SB 1
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Teachers; Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils; Internet
Type: Original
Date: September 7, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to communications between school district employees and students.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency or on local school districts.

Officials from the **Special School District of St Louis County (SSD)** assume this proposed legislation would add a significant amount of time and some cost to implement §162.069 1(2) which requires approval by an administrator and parent for communication between a staff member and a student. For example, if a coach sends text messages or emails to a team of 20 or more students, it will require approval from 20 or more parents. It isn't clear if a blanket approval would be sufficient as opposed to approval for each communication. It is difficult to estimate what the cost to implement would be, but it seems reasonable to estimate that the cost could be \$50,000 or more for a district such as Special School District with over 2,500 teacher level staff.

Oversight assumes that a one-time approval from the parent/guardian would be needed and that any required documentation would be obtained at the beginning of the school year, along with any other approvals/waivers needed by the districts. **Oversight** assumes no additional staff would be required, so costs associated with this proposal would be negligible.

Officials from the **St Joseph School District** state they are unable to determine the possible costs of “specific mechanisms to prevent improper communication between staff and students” (§162.069.1(3), (i.e., software costs, additional personnel, attorneys, etc), but recognize there could be a significant cost.

Oversight assumes costs associated with revising the policy will be minimal and, for fiscal note purposes only, will assign no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Branson School District** assume there would not be any significant fiscal impact regarding this proposed legislation. Most districts have policy services as a part of organizational memberships so any cost would be minimal at best as compared to the overall budget.

Officials from the **Mexico, Francis Howell, and the Independence School Districts** state there will be no fiscal impact resulting from this proposal.

Officials from the **Midwest Center for Charter Schools and Urban Education - University of**

Central Missouri assume there would be minimal fiscal impact related to the proposal. Any fiscal impact could include the cost of development of the policy and/or legal review of the policy.

Officials from the **University of Missouri - St Louis** (Charter School Sponsor) assume no fiscal impact related to this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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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