

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2833-01  
BILL NO.: HB 1279  
SUBJECT: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Truant Officers  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: February 9, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<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 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(\$0 TO UNKNOWN)</b>	<b>(\$0 TO UNKNOWN)</b>	<b>(\$0 TO UNKNOWN)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Based on a response to a similar proposal from the prior year (HB 281), officials from the **Attorney General's Office** assumed the proposal would result in no fiscal impact to the agency.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** and **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal would result in no fiscal impact to the agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume the proposal would result in no fiscal impact to DESE. DESE officials assume school districts could incur the expense of employing a truant officer if they choose to hire such an officer. Because the proposal is permissive, the **Oversight Division** has ranged the fiscal impact from \$0 to unknown cost for school districts.

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

	\$0	\$0	\$0
--	-----	-----	-----

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

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Cost-School Districts

Truant Officers

	<b><u>(\$0 TO UNKNOWN)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$0 TO UNKNOWN)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$0 TO UNKNOWN)</u></b>
--	--------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

**DESCRIPTION**

L.R. NO. 2833-01  
BILL NO. HB 1279  
PAGE 3 OF 3  
February 9, 2000

The proposal would allow a school district to employ a truant officer who would find pupils who would not be in school and transport them to school.

No person would allow four or more truants to loiter on the business premises during school hours. Violation would be a class A misdemeanor.

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  
Department of Social Services  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Attorney General's Office



Jeanne Jarrett, CPA  
Director  
February 9, 2000