

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected

Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2015 SB 1 makes several changes to state law related to school and school district accountability reports and interventions for low-performing school districts and schools. For example, under the bill, a chronically failing choice school is a private school that at least 20 pupils are attending under a parental choice program (PCP) and that is placed in the lowest performance category for three consecutive annual accountability reports.

SB 1 creates the parental choice school accountability board (Choice Accountability Board), which is attached to the Department of Administration (Department), to review annual accountability reports and identify chronically failing choice schools. The Choice Accountability Board must notify the governing board of each private school that has been identified as a chronically failing choice school and must provide the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) with a list of the same. The governing board of a private school may appeal its identification as chronically failing to the Choice Accountability Board, which may, in exceptional circumstances, choose not to identify the school as a chronically failing choice school for one year. A chronically failing choice school may not accept new PCP students beginning in the year the school is identified as chronically failing and until it has reapplied to DPI to begin accepting new students at least three years later.

Based on available data, there are approximately 812 private schools that meet the criteria in this bill as a choice school for which the Choice Accountability Board would be required to review annual accountability reports. The Department estimates increased workload for the provision of program coordination and related management functions in support of the Choice Accountability Board and increased administrative costs for the activities of the same. However, those amounts are indeterminate and expected to be absorbed within the Department's existing budget. No estimate is provided by the Department for costs of the DPI.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications