

## Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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<b>Fiscal Effect</b>  <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <b>State:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect  <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations                         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues                         </div> </div> </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             <input type="checkbox"/> No                         </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs                     </div> </div> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <b>Local:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>                         1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                          2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                     </div> <div>                         3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                          4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                     </div> </div> </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> <b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns  <input type="checkbox"/> Counties  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts                         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Village  <input type="checkbox"/> Others  <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts                         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Cities                         </div> </div> </div> </div>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>Fund Sources Affected</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR    <input type="checkbox"/> FED    <input type="checkbox"/> PRO    <input type="checkbox"/> PRS    <input type="checkbox"/> SEG    <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS                             </div> <div> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>                              20.255 (2) (bt)                         </div> </div>		
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 9/30/2019

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a new, continuing appropriation for grants to consortia of school districts, to be used for feasibility studies of school district consolidation or entering into a whole grade sharing (WGS) agreement. The bill requires DPI to award grants of up to \$10,000 per eligible applicant, defined as a consortium of two or more school districts. At \$250,000, the appropriation could support at least 25 grant awards, assuming the maximum permitted amount is awarded; more grants could be provided if amounts less than \$10,000 were awarded.

Under the bill, funds are appropriated in FY20 only. However, because it is proposed as a continuing appropriation, any uncommitted budget authority remaining at the end of FY20 would carryover into the following FY21, for use by the department to make grants. The uncommitted budget authority remaining at the end of FY21 and subsequent fiscal years would carry over to the following fiscal year, until the budget authority is fully exhausted - at which time, there would no longer be funding for the studies, unless the Legislature were to appropriate additional funding in the appropriation.

Local: Increase Revenue, Permissive

Consortia of two or more school boards are eligible to receive a grant of no more than \$10,000 to fund the study of school district consolidation or whole grade sharing agreements. The department has no data available to assess how many consortia may apply for this grant, but the appropriation provides sufficient funding for at least 25 grants of \$10,000 each.

State: Create New Appropriation

While funds are appropriated in FY20 under the bill, there would be no actual expenditures, and thus no impact on the state's general fund, until such time as an eligible applicant is awarded a grant per the criteria under the bill. The department has no data to assess whether grant applications are likely to be received in FY20 or for years thereafter.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications