

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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School district performance reports					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, each school board must by January 1 each year distribute to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district a copy of the school and school district performance report, which contains information such as scores on statewide pupil examinations and attendance and retention rates, as well as a comparison of the school district's performance with the performance of other school districts in the same conference.

This bill requires instead that the school board send the report by May 1 each year only to parents or guardians who request it and, if the school district maintains an Internet site, requires the report be made available to the public at that site. The bill also eliminates the required comparison of school district performance.

Because districts will be required to distribute school performance reports only to parents who request them, school districts should realize a cost savings related to printing and mailing as a result of this bill. Because it is unknown how many parents and guardians will request the report, this cost reduction is indeterminate. The elimination of the required comparison of school district performance may also reduce staff costs associated with printing the comparison data and providing the comparison to parents. These costs are unknown.

A school district would be able to provide the school performance report on its Internet site at little, if any, additional expense.

Any potential net savings provided to a school district under this bill would not necessarily be used to reduce that district's local school property tax levy as local school boards, as restricted by statutory revenue limits, determine a district's allowable levy. Further, since nearly all school districts use their maximum allowable revenue limit authority each year, it could be assumed that any cost savings realized by a district due to the elimination of any requirements related to the school performance report would very likely be replaced by other district costs under existing revenue limits.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications