

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-2895/1	Introduction Number	AB-0441	Estimate Type	Original
Description Eligibility for the public school Open Enrollment Program for certain residents of the Marinette School District					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, under the full-time Open Enrollment Program, a pupil may apply to attend a public school in a school district other than the pupil's resident school district if certain conditions are met. The deadline for submitting an application to the nonresident school district that a pupil wishes to attend is the third Friday following the first Monday in February in the school year preceding the school year of attendance.

In May 2007, the Marinette School District voted to close Porterfield Elementary School at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

This bill allows the parents of a pupil who would have been eligible to attend Porterfield Elementary School in the 2007-08 school year to apply, within five days after the effective date of this bill, to attend a public school in a nonresident school district under the Open Enrollment Program.

State: There would be no fiscal effect on the DPI.

Local: The 2006-07 enrollment of Porterfield Elementary School in the Marinette School District was 77 pupils. If AB 441 passes and all of the 77 pupils attempt enrolling outside of the district, it could result in \$465,300 (\$6,043 open enrollment transfer amount x 77 pupils) less state school aid for the Marinette School District. If only half of the 77 pupils decide to attempt enrolling outside of the district, it could result in \$235,700 less aid (\$6,043 open enrollment transfer amount x 39 pupils) to Marinette School District. Since it is not clear how many pupils will try to enroll out of the Marinette School District due to the closing of Porterfield Elementary, an exact fiscal effect is not able to be determined.

Nonetheless, under this bill it could be more difficult for Marinette School District to budget for the 2007-08 school year when they don't know the number of pupils they will be serving.

Districts that accept new applicants under this extended application period will receive an additional \$6,043 per open enrolled student. This amount is outside the revenue limits.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications