

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 09-1615/1		Introduction Number AB-0125		
Description Commencement of the school term in public schools				
Fiscal Effect				
State:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect				
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues		
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:				
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate				
5.Types of Local Government Units Affected				
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue		
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2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS				
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would allow local districts to start classes prior to September 1. Currently, school districts are prohibited from beginning fall classes until September 1. A school board may commence the school term before September 1 in any school year the school board requests the department to allow it to commence the school term before September 1 and the school board includes reasons with its request. The department may grant a request only if it determines there are extraordinary reasons for granting it. The department has promulgated rules to administer this requirement.

State: The department gets few requests for waivers from the September 1 commencement requirement. In 2007, there were seven requests; three were approved. In 2008, there were seven requests; two were approved. In 2009, there has been one request to date and it has been approved. Since it is not anticipated that the department will realize a significant decline in its workload if this bill is passed, there is no state fiscal effect.

Local: The school start date is negotiable between school districts and unions. It is impossible to predict whether removal of the September 1 requirement, which would open up more possible start dates for negotiation, will have any effect on teacher pay. Current law also requires that if a district does file a waiver request, a public hearing must be held in the district on that request. The department does not have the data to determine if there will be any cost savings to districts if they no longer need to hold such meetings because the September 1 requirement was repealed. In addition, the department cannot estimate whether there would be any operational cost savings to districts by starting prior to September 1. Therefore, local fiscal effect, if any, is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications