

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 11-3097/1	Introduction Number SB-226	
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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"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <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 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires school boards to award one-half high school credit to a pupil who successfully completes the hunter education program, the bow hunter education program, or the trapper education program.

State Fiscal Effect: None.

Local Fiscal Effect:

It is unclear whether the ½ credit must be awarded towards meeting one of the high school graduation requirements of science, physical education or other credits.

The department has no information on the number of students who may take a hunter education course under this bill. However, if a significant percentage of students in a high school take advantage of the provisions of this bill, it could impact course offerings and class sizes at the school. This effect is indeterminate.

As the law currently allows DNR to charge a fee to provide hunter education courses, but the constitution does not allow a fee to be charged for a course for which credit is given, it is unclear whether a school district would be required to pay the course fee on behalf of the student. Any costs to school districts is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications