

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-0884/1	Introduction Number	SB-002	Estimate Type	Original
Description Changes to timing of application process under the open enrollment program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill changes the timeline for filing and processing applications under the Open Enrollment Program from a three-week period in February to the full three months of February, March, and April. The deadline for each subsequent step in the Open Enrollment Program is moved back to correspond with the new enrollment period.

State: The department's open enrollment consultant may be asked to provide instructional assistance to local school districts and parents to help them comply with the law. In addition, the department may send a bulletin to school districts informing them of the change in the law. It is assumed that the cost of performing these tasks could be absorbed by the department. Also, while this bill does not affect the total amount of state general equalization aid, a change in the volume of open enrollment transfers as a result of this bill would result in additional redistribution of existing state general school aid; this effect is indeterminate.

Local: Districts are already required to perform all of the identified tasks related to an open enrollment application at a different time on the calendar. Individual districts' state aid and revenue limits would be affected by a change in the volume of open enrollment into or out of their district. Statewide revenue limits would be affected by a change in the number of pupils who are currently home schooled and choose to attend a nonresident school district through the open enrollment program. It is impossible to estimate the change in the number of pupils applying for open enrollment due to the extension of the application period. Therefore, the local fiscal effect will vary from district to district and is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications