

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (the Department) to prepare annual accountability reports that evaluate the performance and improvement of each school and school district in the state. Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the requirement would extend to each participating private and independent charter school. This bill prohibits the Department from issuing a school accountability report for the 2014-15 school year.

Current law directs the Department to develop a system to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and principals in public schools, including independent charter schools. Current law also requires each school board and the governing body of each independent charter school to evaluate teachers and principals in the school district or charter school beginning in the 2014-15 school year. This bill delays until the 2015-16 school year the requirement to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and principals.

The Department's goal is to maintain a strong report card. The exclusion of the 2014-15 school accountability report relating to a school's performance or a school district's improvement for a particular school year will reduce the usefulness of the reports to parents and schools.

Delaying the effective date for evaluating the effectiveness of teachers and principals would provide additional time to develop, evaluate and gather further feedback from stakeholders to develop the system before the 2015-16 school year. Conversely, delaying the effective date will mean losing a year's worth of data to guide school boards and governing bodies of independent charter schools in their evaluation of teachers and principals for both the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Local:

The costs for delaying until 2015-16 school year the requirement to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and principals is indeterminate at this time. There also could be the potential for cost savings for school districts, and charter school governing boards as a result of delaying the development of an educator effectiveness system for one year.

State:

The costs for delaying until 2015-16 school year the requirement to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and principals is indeterminate at this time.