

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-5633/1	Introduction Number AB-1054	
Description Aid for school mental health programs and making an appropriation		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 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 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.255(2) (da)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the Department of Public Instruction must make payments to school districts, independent charter schools (ICS), and private schools participating in a parental choice program (private Choice schools) that increased the amount the school district, ICS, or private Choice school spent to employ, hire, or retain social workers over the amount spent by that district/school for the same purpose in the immediately preceding school year.

Under the bill, DPI must make these payments to school districts, ICS, and private Choice schools that increase spending on school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, and school nurses; thus, the bill broadens eligibility for aid. The bill also increases the funding for this categorical aid by \$17,000,000 GPR in the 2018-19 school year.

State: This bill will increase state costs by \$17 million GPR beginning in FY19.

Local: Indeterminate. Expenditures to employ, hire, or retain social workers would vary among school districts, ICS, and private Choice schools. It is unknown how many and by how much each district or school would increase the amount spent to employ, hire, or retain social workers over the amount spent immediately preceding school year. As such, the total costs, the costs eligible for aid, and the amount of aid received by eligible districts and schools are indeterminate.

Because this is a categorical aid received outside of revenue limits (for school districts) and outside of the per pupil payment received by ICS and private Choice schools as state aid, any revenue received under this program would offset costs that are currently incurred within controlled revenues (for school districts) or within the existing state aid payments to ICS and private Choice schools, thereby freeing up those resources for other purposes.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The \$17 million GPR in FY19 would be an ongoing state expenditure unless it was changed in the future by the legislature.