

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 4/21/2023

LRB Number	23-2591/1	Introduction Number	SB-0185	Estimate Type	Original
Description aid to school districts that share services for costs associated with student information systems and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law does not specifically provide state aid to school districts purchasing and implementing student information systems.

This bill would create a categorical aid program to be administered by DPI. This aid would be distributed to school districts that apply for reimbursement of costs associated with purchasing and implementing a new student information system, including data migration and staff training on the new student information system.

To be eligible a school must either:

1. Be a union high school district or one of its included elementary school districts that purchases a new student information system to streamline communications between the districts; or
2. Be a school district that enters into a shared services agreement with one or more other school districts and purchases a new student information system in order to accommodate those shared services.

Under the bill, school districts would be able to receive this aid on a one-time basis. The bill creates this new categorical aid as an annual, sum certain appropriation of \$450,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Under the bill, aid payments to a school district may not exceed \$75,000. Thus, the appropriation could support aid payments of \$75,000 for up to six school districts in a given fiscal year (more, if the claims were for less than \$75,000). However, if total aid eligibility were to exceed the appropriated amount, the payments would be prorated.

State impact: Indeterminate; potential to increase state expenditures as aid to school districts.

The bill appropriates \$450,000 additional GPR annually compared to current law, but the state's actual expenditures would depend on the claim amounts for eligible costs submitted by school districts for the new categorical aid created under the bill. DPI does not have information that allows for an accurate estimate of the number of school districts that will purchase and implement a new student information system to be eligible for aid. Administering a new aid program would require DPI to do additional work; the number of hours that DPI staff would spend on reviewing claims and administering payments is indeterminate, but likely could be absorbed by existing staff resources.

Local impact: Indeterminate, potential to increase revenue.

While school districts could receive additional state aid under the bill, the aid is intended to reimburse school districts for eligible costs related to new student information systems that they otherwise might not purchase. The availability of aid could incentivize school districts to enter into a shared services agreement and update their student information system (or, for K-8 & K-12 school districts, to streamline communications between the districts via a new student information system); whether or not the available aid would offset school districts' costs completely or only partially is unknown.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
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 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:		
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance	450,000	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$450,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	450,000	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$450,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$450,000
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