Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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LRB Number 25-1631/1	Introduction Number SB-0053						
Description requiring the display of the national motto in public schools and on public buildings							
Fiscal Effect							
AppropriationsReve	ease Existing absorb within agency's budget						
□ No Local Government Costs □ Indeterminate 1. □ Increase Costs	5.Types of Local Government units Affected Issive Mandatory ase Revenue Ssive Mandatory Units Affected Towns Counties Others School WTCS Districts Districts						
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requiring the display of the national motto in public schools and on public buildings						

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

According to the Legislative Reference Bureau analysis of this bill: under current law, each school board and governing body of a private school must display the U.S. flag in the schoolroom or from a flagstaff on the school grounds during the school hours of each school day.

Current law also requires each public school to offer the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem each school day in grades one to 12. A pupil may not be compelled to recite the pledge or sing the national anthem.

Under this bill, starting in the 2026-27 school year, the national motto, "In God We Trust," must be displayed in each public school classroom, including charter school classrooms. The display must meet the following requirements:

Be at least 11 inches by 14 inches Be on a poster, in a framed document, or inscribed on a wall Be presented in English in a legible font

Local impact potential for increased costs.

School districts and independent charter schools would likely incur some additional costs in order to comply with the provisions of the bill if the district/ICS does not already display the motto in classrooms. The costs would vary, depending on the number of classrooms and the method for displaying the motto.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This bill has no long range fiscal implications on local operations.