

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** state this proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on their agency or on school districts.

Officials from the **Columbia and Poplar Bluff School Districts** do not project significant additional costs resulting from this proposed legislation.

Officials from the **Kansas City Public Schools** stated this proposal could possibly increase revenue for their district due to possible increased attendance.

Officials from the **Parkway School District** assume there could be a cost associated with enforcing the proposal on a case-by-case basis for 16-18 year-olds and to contact non-custodial parents or guardians in order to have all parents to sign for an exemption in some cases.

Oversight assumes, based on responses from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and school districts, fiscal impact would be minimal, if any.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Youth Services (DYS)** assume it is possible that there will be an increase of the number of parents of youth between the ages of 16 and 18 under the supervision of DHS may opt to require their child to attend school or to limit

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their working hours. However, since decisions regarding continuation of school or work requirements are currently part of the total treatment / service plan developed for youth under DYS supervision, any impact upon the division is expected to be minimal, if existent. The treatment / service plan is generally developed in concert with the wishes of the parent / guardian.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Children's Division (Division)** assume that a parent or legal guardian who opts voluntarily to have the compulsory school attendance laws apply to their child who is age 16 or 17 may also voluntarily choose not to have the compulsory school attendance law apply. Given this assumption and given that a child age 16 or 17 is assumed to be given greater responsibility for their own school attendance, this case would not meet the criteria for educational neglect; therefore, the Division does not anticipate a fiscal impact on their agency.

According to officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DOLIR)**, this proposed legislation would require the Department's Division of Labor Standards (Division) to enforce hour restrictions on 16, 17, and 18 year old youth not currently covered under Missouri's Child Labor Law. It would also require the Division to educate employers, school officials and parents on the proposed changes that could restrict the number of hours 16, 17 and 18 year old youth could work during the school year. The Division or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be required to modify the existing work certificate form to accommodate the changes.

DOLIR is unable to determine how many parents or legal guardians will make a request for restriction under this legislation. Without this information, it is impossible to determine whether there would be any additional resources required to further enforce these new requirements. Therefore, the fiscal impact is unknown. **Oversight** assumes that should there be an increased workload resulting from this proposal, DOLIR would request additional personal services through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Saint Louis, Mexico, and Nixa School Districts** did not respond to a request for fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2006
(10 Mo.)

FY 2007

FY 2008

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business could have a minimal potential of fiscal impact. It is possible that employers dependent upon a workforce of persons between the ages of 16 and 18 may find fewer applicants, or may be required to increase the number of part-time employees, if there is widespread exercise of this option by parents within the local community.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation raises from 16 to 18 the age for leaving school at the option of a student's parent or guardian. All parents or guardians must agree in writing when children are excused from school for work or are dropped from school rolls. A religious exemption to compulsory school attendance is added. The proposal clarifies that students who have successfully completed all elementary and secondary grade levels before the age of 18 are exempt from the compulsory school age. The provisions concerning work certificates and the working hours and days of children are amended to reflect the higher age.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Division of Labor Standards

Department of Social Services

Children's Division

Division of Youth Services

School Districts

Kansas City

Poplar Bluff

Parkway

Columbia

NOT RESPONDING

School Districts

Saint Louis

Mexico

Nixa



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