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FISCAL NOTE

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Dept; Teachers
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FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
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| 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 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume there will be no fiscal impact on the Courts.

According to officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Youth Services**, no fiscal impact is expected. If Division policy or procedural changes are determined to be needed, resources currently exist to implement the changes.

According to officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Educations (DESE)**, the proposal would require the local board of education of each school district to establish and adopt a written policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying at school. DESE would be required to develop a model policy, applicable to grades K-12, and post the policy on DESE's web site. Other than staff time, DESE does not anticipate significant costs to the Department.

The proposal would also require notice of the policy to appear in any school board or school publication that sets forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for its schools, as well as, in the student handbook in the next published version after the adoption of the policy. DESE assumes school districts will incur printing costs to ensure the policy appears in the required publications; however, DESE does not expect the costs to be significant for any

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one school district.

Oversight assumes that since the policy is to be published in the next scheduled published materials and handbooks covering rules, procedures, and standards of conduct that no additional publishing costs will be incurred.

The following school districts indicated there would be little or no fiscal impact associated with this proposal: **Parkway, Poplar Bluff, Columbia, Kansas City, and Lee's Summit.**

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation requires school districts to develop a policy by September 1, 2007, to prevent harassment, intimidation, and bullying on school property, school buses, and at school functions. The policy must cover, among other issues, the consequences and remedial action for bullying, procedures for reporting and investigating it, and the notification of parents of students involved in the incident. The proposal prohibits retaliation and requires the reporting of incidents for which employees, students, and volunteers will be exempt from liability under certain conditions. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will develop a model policy by December 1, 2006.

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

Office of State Courts Administrator

Department of Social Services

School Districts

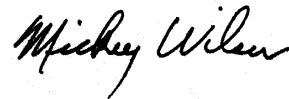
Poplar Bluff

Lee's Summit

Kansas City

Parkway

Columbia

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