

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue *	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund *	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

* expected to exceed \$100,000.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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 **Department of Higher Education, Lincoln University**, and the **Metropolitan Community College** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from **Missouri Sate University** (MSU) stated that for the spring semester of 2006 only 80 students are enrolled in three sections of American Literature. Enrolling the 2600 students who would be required to take American Literature each year would require a significant increase in faculty. MSU officials assume this proposal would require a maximum of 14 new faculty at a cost of \$686,00 and up to 10 new classrooms. With larger class sizes and the use of graduate students (7 new faculty and 7 graduate students) the cost could be reduced to \$500,000. Some of the classrooms would be available on-campus, but MSU may have to rent or renovate additional space.

Officials from **Truman State University** (TSU) stated that this proposal would have a significant impact on their organizations, as faculty would need to be reallocated to cover additional class sections of the required courses. TSU officials did not include an estimate of the cost.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **University of Missouri** (UM) stated that the American History course is already a requirement for UM students. UM officials assume the American Literature course requirement would result in significant costs; for the University of Missouri - Columbia campus alone, the cost would be approximately \$1,584,000 for four years plus a continuing rate of \$198,000.

120 new independent class sections = \$396,000 annually
 6 large lecture courses = \$153,750 annually

Officials from **Moberly Area Community College** assume this proposal would result in a one-time cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Oversight assumes that students would take the required courses in place of other elective or general education courses, since total credit hours for graduation would likely not be changed as a result of this proposal. Although some institutions could provide the courses at no additional cost, other institutions would need to reallocate resources from other services. The proposal does not specifically provide funding for this proposed educational requirement. Oversight assumes there would be unknown additional costs in excess of \$100,000 per year to colleges and universities to provide the required courses in American Literature and American History courses for every student. Oversight has reflected these costs in the General Revenue Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - Colleges and Universities</u>			
Instruction *	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND *	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
* expected to exceed \$100,000.			
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	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.

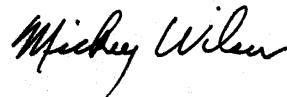
DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require students at public institutions of higher education in this state to take certain American history and American literature courses. Students entering public institutions of higher education in this state in the fall semester of 2007 and thereafter would be required to complete one three-credit-hour course in American History; from the colonial beginnings to approximately 1900, or from approximately 1900 to the present. In addition, those students would be required to complete one three-credit-hour course in American Literature; major authors from the colonial beginnings to approximately 1860, or from approximately 1860 to the present.

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 Higher Education
Lincoln University
Missouri State university
Truman State University
University of Missouri
Metropolitan Community Colleges
Moberly Area Community College



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