

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4603-02  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1614  
Subject: Disabilities; Elementary and Secondary Education Department  
Type: Original  
Date: March 21, 2014

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Bill Summary: This proposal adds dyslexia to the "special needs" definition for purposes of Bryce's Law.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Social Services**, and the **Office of State Auditor** state this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** stated this proposed legislation is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to JCAR beyond its current appropriation.

According to officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to Secretary of State's office for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what their office can sustain with their core budget. Therefore, SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal with core funding. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** state that dyslexia is identified in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations as a type of learning disability. DESE does not track dyslexia; but does track learning disabilities. There will be a cost (likely under \$10,000) to enhance the DESE data system to capture dyslexia separately.

**Oversight** assumes these tracking expenses will be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Kansas City Public School District** assume little to no negative fiscal impact to their district associated with this proposed legislation.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In response to the introduced version of this bill, officials from the **Special School District of St. Louis County** assumed this provision could have a nominal negative impact, but it is difficult to estimate the impact as dyslexia is not a separate disability type.

Also in response to the introduced version of this bill, officials from the **Nixa School District** assumed possible savings to school districts as a result of this proposed legislation.

**Oversight** assumes costs or savings to school districts would be minimal with the addition of dyslexia to the "special needs" definition and will, for fiscal note purposes only, show no fiscal impact.

Officials from the following school districts: Blue Springs, Branson, Caruthersville, Charleston R-I, Cole R-I, Columbia, Fair Grove, Francis Howell, Fulton, Harrison R-IX, Independence, Jefferson City, Johnson County R-7, Kirksville, Kirbyville R-V, Lee's Summit, Malden R-I, Malta Bend, Mexico, Monroe City R-I, Parkway, Pattonville, Raymore-Peculiar R-III, Raytown, Riverview Gardens, Sedalia, Sikeston, Silex, Spickard R-II, Springfield, St Joseph, St Louis, St. Charles, Sullivan, Warren County R-III, and Waynesville did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<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.

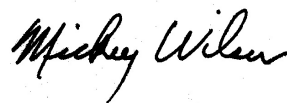
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

No direct fiscal impact is expected from this proposed legislation.

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 Health and Senior Services  
Department of Social Services  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules  
Office of Secretary of State  
    Administrative Rules Division  
Office of State Auditor  
School Districts  
    Kansas City  
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