

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4355-01  
Bill No.: HB 1678  
Subject: Higher Education  
Type: Original  
Date: January 9, 2018

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the “Curriculum Transparency Act.”

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
College & University Fund	(Could exceed \$100,000)	(Could exceed \$100,000)	(Could exceed \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$100,000)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from **Missouri State University** assume there is a negative fiscal impact of an undetermined amount.

Officials from **Missouri Western State University** assume this proposal would have a minimal fiscal impact.

Officials from the **State Technical College of Missouri** assume the fiscal impact is unknown and difficult to quantify. The information already exists, but making it available on the website every semester would require a great deal of time and IT resources to automate the process.

Officials from the **University of Missouri System** considers course materials and course syllabi to be the intellectual property of the faculty member and thus it is their choice whether to post information or circulate it publicly. This proposal would require that such materials be placed online, so the university assumes there will be a negative fiscal impact but the exact amount cannot be determined at this time.

Officials from the **University of Central Missouri** assume there would be no negative fiscal impact from this proposal.

**Oversight** notes this proposal, in §173.925, would require the higher education institutions to post information regarding each course, including the syllabus, reading list, attendance requirements, and all assignments on the institution's website. Oversight will show a cumulative impact to the higher education institutions of could exceed \$100,000 annually for the collection, updating and posting of this information.

Officials at the following colleges: Crowder, East Central Community College, Harris-Stowe, Jefferson College, Lincoln University, Metropolitan Community College, Moberly Area Community College, Missouri Southern State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, State Fair Community College, St. Charles Community College, St. Louis Community College, Three Rivers Community College and Truman State University did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>COLLEGE &amp; UNIVERSITY FUNDS</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - collecting, updating and posting course information	(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COLLEGE &amp; UNIVERSITY FUNDS</b>	<b>(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Could exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires public colleges and universities to post on their website information for each course offered that includes the course syllabus, reading list, attendance requirements, extra credit opportunities, and a description of required assignments and projects..

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  
 Missouri State University  
 Missouri Western State University

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (continued)

State Technical College of Missouri  
University of Missouri System  
University of Central Missouri

Ross Strope

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Acting Director  
January 9, 2018