

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0953-01
Bill No.: HB 577
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education
Type: Original
Date: April 25, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal requires school districts to display “In God We Trust” in prominent locations in all schools.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from **Francis Howell School District** assume there would be minimal cost (less than \$500) for the district to create the displays called for in the proposal.

Officials from **Maries County R-1 School District** assumes the fiscal impact of this bill would be determined by the method of display but it would be zero dollars to the districts if Missouri Vocational Enterprises (MVE) would make them and supply one to each building. If additional displays are needed, the District could purchase them from MVE.

Officials from **Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School District** assume the fiscal impact will be minor.

Officials from **Springfield Public Schools** assume the proposal could cost \$5,000 to hang in each classroom in 50 buildings.

Oversight assumes districts can choose the type of display used to meet the requirements of this proposal including but not limited to a mounted plaque or student art work. Oversight notes some school districts indicated a cost to meet the requirements of this proposal. Therefore, Oversight will show a range of impact of \$0 (can be absorbed with existing resources) to an unknown cost beginning in FY 2021.

Oversight received a limited number of responses from school districts related to the fiscal impact of this proposal. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information available. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other school districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. For a general listing of political subdivisions included in our database, please refer to www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2020
(10 Mo.)

FY 2021

FY 2022

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Cost - to display the national motto "In
God We Trust"

\$0

\$0 or
(Unknown)

\$0 or
(Unknown)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

\$0

\$0 or
(Unknown)

\$0 or
(Unknown)

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 that schools, beginning in the 2020-21 school year and continuing thereafter, will display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust" in a prominent location, as defined in the bill.

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

Francis Howell School District
Maries County R-1 School District
Wellsville-Middletown R-1 School District
Springfield Public Schools



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