

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3714-02
Bill No.: HB 1295
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education; Firearms
Type: Original
Date: March 9, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal creates new provisions related to firearm safety instruction.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Local Government	\$0	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume this bill has no fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assumes this bill is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The Secretary of State'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 \$5,000. The Secretary of State's office recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize 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 our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve 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.

Officials from the **Shell Knob School District** and **Wellsville-Middletown School District** each assume this bill would have a negative fiscal impact on their district.

Officials from the **St. Charles School District** state HB 1295 is an unfunded mandate from the state government. Providing hunter and firearms safety is not a bad thing, but it is an added thing. It will cost the district several thousand dollars annually to provide the necessary “certified instructors” and the supplies needed for adequate instruction in this topic.

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

ASSUMPTION (continued)

legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

Because of the consistent response and lack of conflicting information, **Oversight** will show \$0 fiscal impact the state government, and a (Unknown) cost to school districts in FY 2022-23.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

<u>Cost - Firearm safety courses</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</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 schools to offer instructions on hunter safety with a firearm safety component as a required part of sixth, seventh, or eighth grade physical education courses, beginning in school year 2021-22.

The bill allows high schools to offer at least one elective physical education course that includes firearm safety instruction with a qualified firearm safety instructor.

This bill requires school districts beginning in the school year 2021-22 to teach in first grade a gun safe program as specified in Section 171.410, RSMo.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

A student shall not be required to participate in any hunter safety instruction or gun safe program if the student or the student's parent or legal guardian has any objection to such instruction.

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
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Office of the Secretary of State
Shell Knob School District
St. Charles School District
Wellsville-Middletown School District



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