COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3766-04

Bill No.: HCS for HB 1664

Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary

Type: Original

Date: February 5, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal changes provisions related to funding for charter schools.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND						
FUND AFFECTED FY 2021 FY 2022 FY						
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 Other 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						
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	\$0	\$0	

^{*}Fund transfers between school districts and charter schools net to zero.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **City of Kansas City** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

In response to a prior version of HB 1664, the **City of Springfield** assumed the proposal would have not fiscal impact on their organization.

In response to a prior version of HB 1664, Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** (**SOS**) stated 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.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could require additional resources.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** assumed a previous version of HB 1664 was not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Oversight assumes JCAR will be able to administer any rules resulting from this proposal with existing resources.

In response to a previous version of HB 1664, Officials from the **Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS)** assumed the net impact to KCPS would be a reduction in revenues of roughly \$9.4 million which would transfer to charter schools. That would be an average increase for charter pupils of roughly \$620 based on 2018-19 revenues.

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Based on information from the <u>Annual Secretary of the Board Report</u>, **Oversight** notes the following totals for some of the revenue sources defined as "Local Aid" in this proposal:

Table I: Revenue Sources

Revenue Source	Kansas City Public Schools		St. Louis City Public Schools	
Financial Institutions Tax	\$	1,215,695	\$	1,684,769
Merchants' & Manufacturers' Tax	\$	9,600,904	\$	24,770,006
In Lieu of Tax	\$	3,371,959	\$	556,968
City Sales Tax	\$	0	\$	27,667,281
Fines, Escheats, Etc.	\$	3,643,667	\$	9,470,235
State Assessed Utilities	\$	4,636,870	\$	3,491,731
Total	\$	22,469,095	\$	67,640,989

Oversight included the "Fines, Escheats, Etc." in this calculation because it was not specifically excluded from the all-inclusive definition of "local aid." Based on information from DESE's website, **Oversight** estimated the following Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) for each district/charter school group:

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Table 2: WADA for Kansas City Public Schools and Charter Schools

Weighted Average Daily Atte	
Kansas City Public Schools	18,026
Kansas City Charter Schools	15,472
Total	33,498

Table 2: WADA for St. Louis City Public Schools and Charter Schools

	Weighted Average Daily Attendance
St. Louis Public Schools	25,811
St. Louis Charter Schools	12,724
Total	38,534

Oversight estimates approximately \$671 per WADA or \$10,381,712 would transfer from the Kansas City Public Schools to the Kansas City area Charter Schools (\$22,469,095 / 33,498 = \$671) * 15,472).

Additionally, **Oversight** estimates approximately \$1,755 per WADA or \$22,330,620 total would transfer from the St. Louis City Public Schools to the St. Louis City area Charter Schools (\$67,640,989 / 38,534 = \$1,755) * 12,724).

Oversight notes this proposal includes the funds identified in Table I in the definition of "local aid"; however, it is not limited to those funds. Therefore, Oversight will show a transfer from the Kansas City Public Schools and St. Louis City Public Schools to the area Charter Schools that could exceed \$32,712,332 (\$10,381,712 + \$22,330,620).

Oversight notes that charter schools currently receive a smaller amount of money from DESE that was supposed to be similar to local effort the districts rely on. That current payment from DESE appears to be less than the "local aid" payments charter schools would receive under this proposal.

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. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is

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available upon request.

Oversight notes subsection 160.415.15 is effective July 1, 2021. Therefore, Oversight will reflect impact starting in FY 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	\$0	\$0	\$0
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES			
Transfer Out - School Districts - from Kansas City Public Schools & St. Louis Public Schools to area Charter Schools §160.415	\$0	(Could exceed \$32,712,332)	(Could exceed \$32,712,332)
<u>Transfer In</u> - Charter Schools - local aid revenue received from School Districts §160.415	<u>\$0</u>	Could exceed \$32,712,332	Could exceed <u>\$32,712,332</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

In this proposal "local aid" includes, but is not limited to property taxes and delinquent taxes, merchant and manufacturer tax revenues, financial institution taxes, city sales tax revenues,

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payments in lieu of taxes, revenues from state assessed railroad utilities tax, and any future aid. It specifically excludes charitable contributions, gifts and grants, interest earnings of schools, student fees, debt service authorized for bonds, prop C revenues, or any other funding solely intended for a particular school district or charter school and their employees, schools, foundations or organizations.

The bill requires school districts to pay for each pupil attending a charter school in that district based on the formula established in the bill, and requires public school districts to pay local aid to charter LEA's within the public school district. School districts must calculate the amount of local aid owed to a charter school monthly and make timely payments to the charter school as outlined in the bill. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall conduct an annual review of payments from school districts with measures for over and underpayment as outlined in the bill.

These changes are effective July 1, 2021.

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 Office of the Secretary of State Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Kansas City Public Schools City of Kansas City City of Springfield

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