

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4138H.03C  
 Bill No.: HCS for HB Nos. 1715 & 2630  
 Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Teachers; Children and Minors  
 Type: Original  
 Date: March 21, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes antibullying requirements for school districts.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other State Funds</u></b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</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 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<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 \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown or (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown or (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown or (Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** and **Department of Social Services (DSS)** both assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

**Oversight** assumes there could be costs for school districts if a parent brings a civil action against district. Oversight will show a range of impact of \$0 to an unknown cost.

**Oversight** notes that Section 160.775.9 (2) states that if a school district or charter school prevails in an action brought against such school district or charter school described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court shall award court costs and attorney's fees to such prevailing school district or charter school. For purposes of the fiscal note, Oversight will reflect a potential revenue gain to school districts in the fiscal note.

**Oversight** received zero 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 received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other school districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>			
<u>Revenue</u> – potential collection of court fees and attorney’s fees if the school district prevails	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Costs</u> - for court costs, attorney fees and damages §160.775	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>	<b>Unknown or (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown or (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown or (Unknown)</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

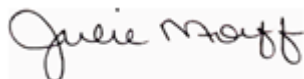
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill creates the "Missouri Childhood Hero Act" and requires that the school districts and charters schools to develop a model policy that each school district must adopt to address bullying and school discipline. The policy must include specific elements as outlined in the bill, including a restriction on zero-tolerance disciplinary policies for any student that is a victim of bullying or is defending a victim of bullying.

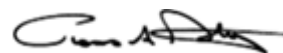
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
 Department of Social Services



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