

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4927H.011  
 Bill No.: HB 2965  
 Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Children and Minors  
 Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a curriculum on Black History and Black Literature to be used by school districts.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	(\$100,848)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$100,848)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §170.373 – Black History and Black Literature Education

Officials from **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** estimated that six meetings with teachers representing all nine RPDC regions, four representatives from nonprofits, and two DESE staff will incur a cost of \$54,288-3,864 as nonprofits will not incur sub costs for a total of \$50,424 for the frameworks relating to each unit of credit (two credits relating to both topics would potentially double this cost). FTE - 0.5 FTE Supervisor position would be required to manage this work at a cost of \$32,604 with additional E&E costs.

**Oversight** assumes DESE is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DESE could absorb the costs related to the FTE for this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DESE could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the Oversight Division assume the proposal will not create further need for FTE and will reflect no impact on their organization.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary regarding meeting cost. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an impact as estimated by DESE, regarding meetings. Oversight notes this proposal requires two units of credit to be developed. Oversight assumes the meetings would only be required in FY 2027 without ongoing cost. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an impact of \$100,848 in the fiscal note for this agency in FY 2027.

Officials from the **University of Missouri, Northwest Missouri State University** and **University of Central Missouri** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Officials from the **High Point R-III School District** assume the proposal will have a fiscal impact on their organization but did not provide any additional information.

**Oversight** assumes school districts can absorb costs related to 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. 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. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost</u> – DESE (§170.373) Meeting cost p.3	(\$100,848)	\$0	\$0
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$100,848)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Starting in the 2027-28 school year, this bill requires each school district to require after completion of grade nine that students complete one unit of Black history and one unit of Black literature before receiving a diploma. The State Board of Education must convene a work group and develop academic performance standards for the required courses and provide a model curriculum to districts.

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

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