

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill No.: HB 1757  
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Children and Minors  
Type: Original  
Date: January 14, 2026

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes procedures for school districts to test for gifted students.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</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 Other 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 All 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>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\*Oversight notes school districts would be required to provide universal screenings for gifted students.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **§162.720 – Universal Screenings for Gifted Students**

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** 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 these agencies.

Officials from the **High Point R-III School District** assume the proposal will have fiscal impact on their organization.

**Oversight** contacted Lindbergh School District. The district provided that the annual cost for their screening assessment was approximately \$6.50 per child.

Upon further inquiry, DESE noted that there are 227 school districts in the state that offer gifted services which would mean there are 327 districts without services. It is worth noting that of those districts that offer gifted services, the majority are surrounding higher population dense districts. It is unclear whether there are districts that are offering screening services that are not within a service district. DESE also noted that there was not dedicated moneys for providing screening services however schools can pay for screening services with other funds.

**Oversight** notes based on information found on DESE's preliminary school count report for 2025-2026 there are 63,497 third graders in the state of Missouri. **Oversight** is unclear how many students attend school in a district that does not offer gifted screens. **Oversight** notes that if 50% of third grade students are in districts that don't currently screen for gifted students, the estimated cost to provide those screenings is \$206,365 using a cost of \$6.50 per student. **Oversight** assumes there could be additional costs for staff time.

**Oversight** will show an unknown cost to school districts to implement universal gifted screening.

**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.

### **Rule Promulgation**

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

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS 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 the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes 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 the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves 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.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Cost</u> – School Districts (§162.720) Provide universal screenings p.4	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires school districts beginning in the 2026-27 school year to provide universal screenings for all students at least once before 3rd grade for the purpose of identifying gifted students. The bill outlines the screening requirements including valid, reliable, and current testing methods, a body of evidence from a minimum of two areas outlined in the bill, and

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review by staff members trained in testing or gifted education. A child not meeting the criteria on a single screening does not prevent the child from being identified as gifted.

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 Mental Health

Office of the Secretary of State

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

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