

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6585H.06C
 Bill No.: HCS for HCR No. 31
 Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Children and Minors
 Type: Original
 Date: April 20, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes a Seal of Civic Recognition for certain graduating high school seniors.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	(\$343,206)	(\$53,236)	(\$54,567)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$343,206)	(\$53,236)	(\$54,567)

*Oversight notes DESE will require additional changes to MOSIS/Core Data collection systems and requires DESE establish criteria by the Civics and Patriotism Workgroup.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

HCR – The Seal of Civic Recognition Award

Officials from **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume HCR 31 would establish the State of Missouri Seal of Civic Recognition to be given to each student who graduates from a public, private, parochial, or home school who meets the criteria established by the Civics and Patriotism Workgroup at DESE. To establish these criteria, the Civics and Patriotism Workgroup consisting of 20 members would need to meet at least 6 times for a onetime cost of \$83,520. All nominations for the Seal of Civic Recognition would be submitted to DESE. DESE assumes it will need a .25 Supervisor level FTE with the associated salary, expenses, and equipment to develop, manage, and administer the program. Additionally, ITSD assumes changes will need to be made to the MOSIS/Core Data collection systems to support and track the Seal of Civic Recognition requirements laid out in the legislation. ITSD assumes the total cost for these changes to be \$367,489.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary regarding ITSD changes and meeting cost. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an impact as estimated by DESE in the fiscal note for this agency regarding ITSD and meeting cost.

Oversight assumes DESE is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DESE could absorb the FTE costs related to 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 have no fiscal impact on their organization regarding FTE.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor** 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.

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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – DESE – Workgroup meetings p.3</u>	(\$83,520)	(\$0)	(\$0)
<u>Cost – DESE/ITSD – MOSIS/Data collection changes p.3</u>	(\$259,686)	(\$53,236)	(\$54,567)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$343,206)</u>	<u>(\$53,236)</u>	<u>(\$54,567)</u>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the core importance of education on patriotism, citizenship, and civics and the significant importance of civic engagement. The Resolution creates an award entitled the "State of Missouri Seal of Civic Recognition" for each senior who meets the specific criteria for various levels of the Seal of Civic Recognition.

The Civics and Patriotism Workgroup at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must establish and advertise specific criteria for a bronze, silver, and gold level of Recognition.

Examples for eligibility criteria for level designation are outlined in the bill and includes academic instruction and achievement, participation and leadership, and participation in mentorship programs.

The Resolution requires schools to submit names and achievement level to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education which will award the appropriate seal that schools will ensure will accompany the student's high school diploma.

The Resolution encourages cooperating civic organizations to provide additional support in the form of scholarship assistance or other incentives and any student that serves in military service or the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program will receive a "Letter of Congratulations, Commendation, and State Gratitude" signed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Missouri.

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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