

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4349-01
Bill No.: HB 1985
Subject: Education, Higher; Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils
Type: Original
Date: February 8, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Department of Higher Education to establish and operate a website containing course transfer information.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue	(\$436,706)	(\$133,586)	(\$136,030)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$436,706)	(\$133,586)	(\$136,030)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

Oversight notes this proposal would require the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to establish and operate a website containing course transfer information which shall be made available to members of the public. The searchable database is to contain information on what academic courses can be transferred to other higher education institutions.

Oversight notes that DHE is to promulgate rules for this section, and Oversight assumes they can promulgate the rules using existing resources.

Officials at the **DHE** assume the need for one Research Associate I to maintain the website, answer questions from institutions and students, input data, and other tasks associated with the operation of the new website. Additionally, there would be ongoing costs for website maintenance.

Officials at the **Office of Administration's Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)** assumed DHE would require one new multiple screen application for transfer maintenance, one new process for institution details, one new database to hold this new data and a rewrite of the current student portal application to add in the transfer piece. Due to these efforts, they estimate a significant amount of time is needed to analyze, develop and implement these pieces. ITSD estimated 5,238 hours of work at \$75 an hour for a total cost in FY 2017 of \$392,580 and on-going costs of \$80,534 in FY 2018 and \$82,547 in FY 2019.

Officials at the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Metropolitan Community College, Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University** and the **State Technical College of Missouri** each assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective institution.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - DHE</u>			
Personal Service	(\$27,840)	(\$33,742)	(\$34,080)
Fringe Benefits	(\$16,016)	(\$19,310)	(\$19,403)
Computer Expenses - ITSD	<u>(\$392,850)</u>	<u>(\$80,534)</u>	<u>(\$82,547)</u>
<u>Total Cost - DHE</u>	<u>(\$436,706)</u>	<u>(\$133,586)</u>	<u>(\$136,030)</u>
FTE Change	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE			
	<u>(\$436,706)</u>	<u>(\$133,586)</u>	<u>(\$136,030)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>			
	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

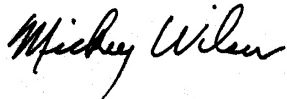
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Department of Higher Education to establish and operate a public website, with a searchable database, that contains course transfer information.

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 Higher Education
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Metropolitan Community College
Missouri State University
Northwest Missouri State University
State Technical College of Missouri



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