



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1112

PRINTERS NO. 1798

PRIME SPONSOR: R. Brown

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact" below.

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1112 amends the Public School Code concerning data collection reduction. It would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation would add a new section concerning data collection reduction to the Public School Code. It requires the State Board of Education to establish a 17 member advisory committee on data collection reduction. Members from state government include the Secretary of Education or a designee, and the majority and minority chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees or their designees. Members from local education agencies include business managers and board members from school districts, intermediate units, charter schools, and area vocational-technical schools.

The State Board, in consultation with the advisory committee, will review data collection requirements imposed on public school entities in the areas of finance, human resources, food services, transportation, child accounting, athletics, health and special education, with the goal of identifying those requirements that are redundant, overly burdensome, or no longer necessary. Within 180 days the State Board and advisory committee must issue a report, and the Department of Education must, by the conclusion of the school year following the issuance of the report, terminate all data collection requirements imposed on public school entities identified in the report that are not required by state or federal statute or regulation. The state board must provide administrative support, meeting space, and any other assistance required by the advisory committee to carry out its duties.

After enactment of this legislation, any new data collection requirements from the Department of Education that are not the result of state or federal legislation will be subject to certain information disclosure requirements. Sixty days prior to the collection of the data, the Department must justify the necessity of collecting the data, explain how it will be used, explain how it will be shared with public school entities, affirm that it is not duplicative and will not imposed unjustified costs on school entities, and state the estimated costs to public school

entities for complying with the data collection requirement, including the cost of staff time, training and software.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Governor's Budget Office and the Department of Education, the one-time costs to provide administrative support to the advisory committee are estimated at approximately \$3,000. The legislation does not require advisory committee members be reimbursed for travel, lodging, or other expenses.

The Department also estimates that costs to provide justification on new data collection requirements will be offset by the elimination of redundant data collection activities that are currently operating.

Enactment of this legislation should help to reduce workload, and possibly costs, for school districts to the extent that it eliminates data collection requirements that are redundant, overly burdensome, or no longer necessary. The extent of this impact will depend upon the specific circumstances of each individual school district.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.