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Table with 2 rows and 2 columns. Row 1: Date: March 21, 2014 8:21 AM, Author: HARRISON. Row 2: Dept./Agy.: Education, Analyst: Jodi Mauroner. Subject: Election of State Superintendent of Education.

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Provides for election of the state superintendent of education

The Constitution allows for the state superintendent of education to be elected or appointed pursuant to law. The superintendent is currently appointed with a two thirds vote of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) which also sets the salary. The proposed legislation provides for the election of the superintendent to be held at the time for election of statewide elected officials and members of the legislature in 2015. The superintendent will take office at noon on the second Monday in January 2016. The state superintendent will no longer be appointed, and the term of an appointed state superintendent of education holding office on the second Monday in January 2016, shall expire immediately before noon on that day. The superintendent will be elected for a term of four years and his salary shall be commensurate with other elected officials. Further provides that the superintendent shall appoint a first assistant who shall serve as the deputy state superintendent, subject to Senate confirmation. The salary shall be set by the superintendent. A companion bill (HB 125) provides for a constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot at the statewide election held on November 4, 2014.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. Similar structure for REVENUES.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

State general fund expenditures will decrease by \$160,000 in FY 17, FY 18 and FY 19 assuming the state superintendent of education's salary remains at \$275,000 until January 2016, and the salary of statewide elected officials remains at \$115,000. The savings in FY 15-16 would only be half of that amount as the superintendent will take office in January of 2016.

There will be no increase in funding associated with the salary of the first assistant/deputy state superintendent. The deputy state superintendent is currently appointed by the superintendent, subject to Senate confirmation, and his salary is set by the superintendent. While the position is currently vacant, it is funded.

According to the Secretary of State, there will be no additional costs for the constitutional amendment to be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot and any future elections of the state superintendent. The elections required by the proposed legislation will occur during other statewide elections and will not generate additional election expenditures. The fiscal note does not address any housing or car allowance costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.