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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 853** HLS 20RS 1314

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Digital Content and Curriculum Fund | | |

EDUCATION EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Establishes a Digital Content and Curriculum Fund to provide classrooms with digital content and curriculum

Proposed legislation creates the Digital Content and Curriculum Fund to receive appropriations, grants, or donations; unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The fund shall be administered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) which shall award monies on a first-come, first-served basis to school districts or other public schools that meet the following criteria: (1) have technology infrastructure in place to facilitate use of digital content and curriculum; (2) submit an explanation for how the funds will be used to improve performance and enhance student achievement; and (3) how progress to district goals will be measured. A single request from a school district or other public school shall not exceed \$50,000, however additional distributions may be awarded if the school board has met or is making demonstrable progress towards its goals.

| EXPENDITURES | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | SEE BELOW | |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | SEE BELOW | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

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| Local Funds | SEE BELOW | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation creates the Digital Content and Curriculum Fund to receive legislative appropriations, donations, gifts, grants or any other funds. There will be an increase in expenditures by BESE to the extent grants out of the Digital Content and Curriculum Fund are awarded to local school districts and other public schools. A single request from a school district or other public school shall not exceed \$50,000, however additional distributions may be awarded if the school board has met or is making demonstrable progress towards its goals.

Although this measure is not anticipated to impose a significant increase in workload for BESE staff, to the extent that it does the agency may require additional resources. It is unclear whether any monies in the fund may be used for administrative expenses or whether state general fund would be required.

In the event legislative appropriations are made available for the Digital Content and Curriculum Fund, local expenditures will increase to fund eligible projects and initiatives, per the proposed legislation.

It is anticipated that any appropriation to the fund is likely to be funded with SGF.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To the extent distributions are made from the fund, local school districts and other public schools would experience an increase in revenues.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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