

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**



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<b>Subject:</b> School Tuition Organization Tax Credits		

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Requests the Department of Revenue and the state Department of Education to jointly report on the implementation of tax credits for donations to school tuition organizations.

Proposed resolution requests the Department of Education (LDE) and the Department of Revenue (LDR) to jointly provide a report to relevant legislative committees by October 31, 2021, regarding the income tax credits provided for donations to school tuition organizations (STO). The report must contain: (1) the total number of students receiving scholarships from an STO; (2) the amount of lost revenue resulting from the tax credit; (3) the average STO scholarship amount; (4) the average per pupil amounts provided in the applicable Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula approved by the legislature; and (5) the amount of state and local funds that would have been spent on the students receiving STO scholarships had they attended their assigned public school in the preceding school year.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Revenue (LDR) reports that it will be able to provide the amount of lost revenue resulting from the tax credit without any fiscal impact.

The Department of Education (LDE) has access to the number of students receiving scholarships and the average scholarship award through annual reports provided to LDE by school tuition organizations (STO). The average per pupil amounts provided in the applicable Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula approved by the legislature can be found in the MFP budget letters prepared by LDE.

However, LDE does not have data on the assigned public school of each scholarship recipient. In order to report the amount of state and local funds that would have been spent on the students receiving STO scholarships had they attended their assigned public school in the preceding school year, LDE will likely need to assume each recipient's assigned school based on the location of the nonpublic school they are now attending.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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