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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 125** SLS 14RS 248

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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The proposed legislation creates the Agricultural Education Commission in the Department of Education (DOE) to provide guidance and advice regarding agricultural education programs in elementary and secondary schools. The commission shall be composed of 15 members who shall serve without compensation, but who may be reimbursed for expenses as provided by the appointing authority. The DOE shall provide support staff to assist the commission. The bill provides for the scope and duties of the commission, including ongoing review, advice and guidance regarding content standards, curricula, development of industry based certifications, professional development opportunities for educators and other strategies to promote agricultural literacy and student awareness. The bill requires the creation of pilot agricultural education immersion programs to integrate agriculture related instruction throughout all disciplines and provides for implementation using any source of funding made available for that purpose.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an indeterminable increase in DOE expenditures for FY 14-15 through FY 18-19 to hold meetings of the commission to assist in the ongoing evaluation of agricultural education programs in elementary and secondary schools. The increase in expenditures will depend on the number of meetings held by the commission. Expenditures could increase for incidentals related to meetings such as materials and supplies. Commission members will serve without compensation, however, in the event that any members receive expense reimbursements from their appointing authority for attending meetings, expenditures will increase.

Additionally, state general fund expenditures will likely increase related to the implementation of pilot programs. However, since the bill provides for the use of funding from any available source for the purpose of the pilot immersion programs, it is possible that statutory dedications such as 8(g) funds or federal funds could be used as well.

Expenditures will also increase for local school systems related to the implementation of a pilot immersion program. The extent of the increase will depend on the number of schools participating in the pilot, the extent to which new curricula and instructional materials will be required and whether teachers and administrators will require additional training on agriculture related programs and curricula. The source of funding may be provided by the state or local funding may be required.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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