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Fiscal Note



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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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CURRICULA OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Requires passage of a test identical to the civics portion of the U.S. Naturalization Test to earn high school credit in Civics. (6/30/15)

Proposed legislation requires passage of certain proficiency tests to earn credit in Civics courses required for high school graduation. Students who enter the 9th grade after July 1, 2015 must correctly answer at least 60 of the 100 questions listed in a test identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in order to earn Civics course credit. Local School Boards shall determine the method and manner in which to administer the test. A student shall be allowed to take the test as many times as necessary to pass. A student who is exempted in accordance with an individualized education program shall not be required to take or pass the test.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an indeterminable increase to expenditures of local school boards and other Local Educational Authorities to the extent schools are required to provide additional student supports. School districts should not experience additional expenses in developing and administering the test as full naturalization test questions and answers from prior years are readily available on the internet for use and adaptation in meeting the requirements of this bill. However, there may be costs associated with multiple administrations of the test and or test preparation. Teachers may be required to revise existing instructional time as some test items are covered in other subjects or grade levels.

However, Civics coursework is a prerequisite to graduation and the student must pass the test in order to earn course credit. To the extent students fail to pass the test, schools could be required to provide additional instructional programs or summer classes to assist students in successful completion of the test. Costs would likely be funded with local funds.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {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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