

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2111 - B

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Measure Description:

Modifies provisions relating to isolation and quarantine of persons with communicable disease and isolation of property contaminated with toxic substance.

Requires school districts to adopt a policy to prevent teen dating violence. Permits the Department of Justice and the Department of Human Services to make grants to fund services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students about teen dating violence.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Judicial Department, Public Defense Services Commission, Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management, Department of Human Services, Department of Justice, school districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Isolation and Quarantine

Sections 1 through 9 of House Bill 2111– B Engrossed clarifies and updates statutes regulating the isolation and quarantine of persons with communicable disease and isolation of property contaminated with toxic substance. These provisions become operative on January 1, 2012, and have no to minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority, the Judicial Department, the Public Defense Services Commission, and the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management.

Teen Dating Violence

Sections 10 through 16 of House Bill 2111– B Engrossed contain provisions relating to the prevention of teen dating violence. The requirements in these amendments may have a budgetary and staffing impact on school districts.

The – A4 amendment require each school district board to adopt a policy that:

1. states that teen dating violence is unacceptable and is prohibited;
2. incorporates age-appropriate education about teen dating violence into existing training programs for students in grades 7 through 12 and school employees;
3. establishes procedures for the manner in which employees of a school are to respond to, investigate and impose discipline and make reports related to any incidents of teen dating violence that take place at the school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation; and

4. identifies by job title the school officials who are responsible for receiving reports related to teen dating violence and are available to address concerns regarding relationships that may result in teen.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that school districts may need additional staffing and budgetary resources in order to coordinate and deliver training to students in grades 7 through 12 and school employees. In addition, the amendment also requires school districts to notify students and parents of the teen dating violence policy adopted by the board. School districts may incur printing and distribution cost to comply with this provision. LFO requested, but has not received, fiscal impact information from school districts. In the absence of this information, the fiscal impact to school districts is indeterminate. If fiscal impact information is provided by school districts, LFO will issue a revised fiscal impact.

Section 12 permits the Department of Justice to use moneys in the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Fund to support services, programs and curricula to educate and inform students in grades 7 through 12 about teen dating violence. Although passage of this bill would have no bottom line budgetary impact on the Department of Justice, note that currently ODSVS funds are used to support services and shelters for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Passage of this bill could divert resources from these programs and services. It should also be noted that the Governor's budget reduced ODSV by approximately 25%, and final legislative funding has yet to be set.

In addition, Sections 14 authorizes the Department of Human Services to make grants to and enter into contracts with public and private agencies for programs and projects designed to prevent, identify and treat teen dating violence, including funding curricula to educate and inform students in grades 7 through 12 about teen dating violence. Again, although passage of this bill would have no bottom line budgetary impact on DHS, currently these funds are used to subsidize crisis lines, support services and shelters for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Passage of this bill could divert resources from these programs and services.