

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 321 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Measure Description:

Decreases compulsory school age from seven to five years of age.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Expenditure 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:

At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the fiscal impact of this bill cannot be determined with specificity. The bill lowers the required minimum age, to six years-old, of children who have not completed the 12th grade, that are required to attend public school full-time. The bill also amends certain exceptions to the requirement for public school attendance to extend to the kindergarten grade level.

This bill may result in additional kindergarten student attendance in public schools. While the number of affected children is believed to be relatively small -- it is estimated to affect not more than 2,000 in a given school year; which translates to a maximum population increase of 4.8 percent of public school kindergarten students. Any increase will cause the Average Daily Membership (ADM_r) and Average Daily Membership weighted (ADM_w) to rise. Without an increase in the State School Fund, the amount per ADM_w distributed to School Districts and Education Service Districts will decrease.