

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Updates references to federal education law to reflect passage of Every Student Succeeds Act.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

School Districts, Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Education

Analysis:

The bill replaces references to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, with Every Student Succeeds Act. The bill requires that an individual placed in foster care must be considered a resident of the school district of origin or the school district where the individual is placed by the Department of Human Services (DHS), unless a court decides that it is not in the best interest of the individual to continue attending the school. The Department of Education (ODE) and DHS must collaborate to ensure that the individual is provided, free of charge, transportation between the individual’s home and school.

Current law permits school transportation costs for foster care students to be reimbursed up to 70% from the State School Fund from Transportation grants. It is anticipated that by contracting with ODE, DHS will be able to use Title IV-E funding to reimburse the remaining 30% of costs to school districts. DHS and ODE will collaborate to create an annual contract to reimburse school districts for the cost of providing transportation from a child’s foster home to school. School districts will apply for quarterly reimbursements for each specific foster care student.

This program will shift transportation reimbursements in the State School Fund (SSF) from the General Aid program, to Transportation Grant program; this change is not statistically significant and is estimated to be less than .50% of the total SSF. Other Funds expenditure limitation for Special Payments will be required to pass along funding received from DHS for transportation costs; however the exact amount necessary is indeterminate and will vary depending on student participation. The noted uncertainty surrounding this bill’s fiscal impact suggests that the ODE and DHS may need to return to the Emergency Board if expenditure limitation or existing budgeted resources prove insufficient to cover the actual costs of the implementation of this legislation.