

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 129 - 3

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Measure Description:

Increases maximum allowed fee Teacher Standards and Practices Commission can impose for reinstatement of license that has been suspended or revoked for gross neglect of duty or gross unfitness.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis.

Analysis: This measure as introduced, would give TSPC new authority to collect fees from educator preparation providers (EPP), and school and educational service districts. It would allow an administrative law judge to award the commission reasonable attorney fees and court costs. It would allow the Commission to impose civil penalties upon licensees that are subject to disciplinary action. It would increase the maximum TSPC could charge for a reinstatement.

The -3 amendment transfers the Ending Balance funds from the National Board Certification Fund (NBCF) to the TSPC General Account, eliminate the fines and school district and education service district charges, and change the manner of determining fees on EPPs to a flat fee.

All fees will be established by administrative rule and are effective on January 1, 2022. Since those fees have not been set at this time the fiscal is indeterminate. One option brought forward by the agency would generate an estimated \$386,000 Other Funds for 2021-23 (18 months) with the largest share of the fees being paid by the education preparation providers.

The transfer of the remaining funds in the National Board Certification Fund is estimated to be \$1.4 million given the current balance of the Fund. With this transfer the program will terminate and a position will be eliminated. This will result in \$1.4 million in reduced Other Funds expenditure limitation which is included as part of HB 5035, the budget bill for the Commission.