

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 112** SLS 26RS 117

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> School Released Time Education Act		

**SCHOOLS**

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Provides that public school boards may adopt a policy to authorize released time for K-12 public school students, subject to parental approval. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation authorizes local public school boards and charter schools to adopt policies that allow students to be excused from regular school instruction for a period of released time during the school day. Requires written parental consent prior to a student participating in released time pursuant to such a policy. Provides that instruction may be provided by outside sponsoring entities, including religious or other educational programs. Authorizes released time courses to be held on school property and requires criminal background checks for instructors and any other individuals who may have direct contact with or supervisory responsibility over participating students. Further authorizes school boards that award academic credit for released time courses to require instructors to satisfy substitute teacher qualification standards established by the local school system and to require reporting of student grades, attendance, and related information in a manner prescribed by the school board, including for virtual released time courses provided through electronic mediums.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>	<b>2030-31</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>	<b>2030-31</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation authorizes, but does not require, local school boards and charter schools to adopt policies for released time, defined as a period during the school day during which students may leave campus to participate in off campus instruction or educational programs, subject to written parental consent. Proposed legislation further authorizes school boards that award academic credit for released time courses to require instructors to satisfy substitute teacher qualification standards established by the local school system and to require reporting of student grades, attendance, and related information in a manner prescribed by the school board, including for virtual released time courses provided through electronic mediums. To the extent a local school board or charter school elects to adopt a released time policy or award academic credit for released time courses, any associated administrative workload related to policy development, parental consent documentation, verification of instructor qualifications, attendance and grade reporting coordination, or implementation oversight is expected to be minimal and absorbed within existing resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

To the extent the proposed legislation increases the number of criminal background checks requested, the Office of State Police (OSP) may experience an increase in self-generated revenues. OSP charges \$31 for state background checks and \$12 for federal background checks. OSP retains \$2 of the \$12 fee charged for the federal background checks and remits the remainder to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any increase in CBCs requested as a result of the proposed legislation will result in an increase in fees collected by OSP.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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