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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 379** SLS 14RS 656

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Class size		

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Provides relative to the size of secondary school classes. (8/1/14)

The proposed legislation will impose class size restrictions on core curriculum classes in a secondary public school not to exceed 25 students.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an indeterminable increase in costs for the local school systems to meet the standards imposed by the bill. Data reported for the 2011-2012 school year reflects there were 97,616 students in high school. Of the total, 78,820 or 80.7% were in classes of 26 students or less. The remaining 18,796 were in classes with a size range of 27-33 (16.1%) or a size range of 34 or more (3.1%). The data is not available by course type.

A sampling of school systems revealed that part of the reason some classes exceed 26 is that certificated teachers, advanced math and science teachers, and foreign language instruction teachers (for TOPS core class requirements) are not always easy to find. Shifting classes to different time periods may present scheduling conflicts for students and is therefore not always a viable option for reducing class size. Based on the responses of selected school boards, schools would incur increased costs for additional teachers, and for infrastructure improvements/enhancements to add classroom space to meet the standard of 25 students per class. Cost estimates ranged from \$500,000 to as much as \$4 M, with an average increase of \$2.8 M.

Schools are funded through the MFP and with local revenues. If MFP funding is not increased to provide schools with additional resources, local funding would be required.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u>  | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}      |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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