

SF1316 - 0 - Civics Test Reporting Requirements

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| State Fiscal Impact       | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Expenditures              | X   |    |
| Fee/Departmental Earnings |     | X  |
| Tax Revenue               |     | X  |
| Information Technology    | X   |    |
| Local Fiscal Impact       |     | X  |

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| State Cost (Savings)  | Biennium             |        |            | Biennium  |           |            |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                       | Dollars in Thousands | FY2021 | FY2022     | FY2023    | FY2024    | FY2025     |
| General Fund          | -                    | -      | 236        | 55        | 55        |            |
| <b>Total</b>          | -                    | -      | <b>236</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>55</b> |            |
| <b>Biennial Total</b> |                      |        | <b>236</b> |           |           | <b>110</b> |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium |        |            | Biennium  |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                      | FY2021   | FY2022 | FY2023     | FY2024    | FY2025    |
| General Fund                         | -        | -      | .25        | .1        | .1        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | -        | -      | <b>.25</b> | <b>.1</b> | <b>.1</b> |

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

| <b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>                        |                       | <b>Biennium</b> |               |               | <b>Biennium</b> |               |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Dollars in Thousands</b>                              |                       | <b>FY2021</b>   | <b>FY2022</b> | <b>FY2023</b> | <b>FY2024</b>   | <b>FY2025</b> |
| General Fund   | -                     | -               | 236           | 55            | 55              |               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>        | <b>236</b>    | <b>55</b>     | <b>55</b>       |               |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>236</b>    |               | <b>110</b>      |               |
| <b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b> |                       |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| General Fund   | -                     | -               | 236           | 55            | 55              |               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>        | <b>236</b>    | <b>55</b>     | <b>55</b>       |               |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>236</b>    |               | <b>110</b>      |               |
| <b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>                       |                       |                 |               |               |                 |               |
| General Fund   | -                     | -               | -             | -             | -               | -             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      |
|  | <b>Biennial Total</b> |                 | <b>-</b>      |               | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>      |

**Bill Description**

This bill requires MDE to report the percentage of students that answered at least 30 of the 50 “civics test” questions.

This bill does not allow the results of the civics test to be used identify or assess individual students, teachers, schools or districts for any action related to the test results.

**Assumptions**

MDE would need to develop a way to collect the number of students that answered at least 30 of 50 civics questions correctly. This information would be collected at a school level, not a student-level.

MDE would not report information by student group (e.g., gender, race/ethnicity, free/reduced paid meals) and could not be further disaggregated or compared.

The information to be collected does not logically fit with any collection system MDE currently has. Therefore, a new data collection and reporting effort would need to be developed. There would be MNIT costs for the development and maintenance of the new collection and reporting effort. Maintenance in future fiscal years would be needed.

MDE would need an Education Specialist 2 to be the program expert for the development and support of the collection system and report, with 0.25 FTE needed in FY23, and 0.1 FTE in each year FY24 on.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

| Staff:  | FY23     | FY24     | FY25     |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Education Specialist 2 (0.25, 0.10, 0.10 FTE) | \$37,580 | \$15,005 | \$15,005 |
| Total Salary                                  | \$37,580 | \$15,005 | \$15,005 |

| MNIT:                             | FY23             | FY24            | FY25            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Project Planning and Coordination | \$52,800         |                 |                 |
| Developer                         | \$52,800         |                 |                 |
| QA Analyst                        | \$52,800         |                 |                 |
| Data Reporting (WebFOCUS)         | \$39,600         |                 |                 |
| Total MNIT Costs                  | \$198,000        | \$39,000        | \$39,000        |
| <b>TOTAL FISCAL NOTE COST:</b>    | <b>\$235,580</b> | <b>\$54,005</b> | <b>\$54,005</b> |

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

Salary for 0.10 FTE and MNIT maintenance would be ongoing.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

N/A

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