



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # SB0203

Title: Enter into interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children

Primary Sponsor: Buttrey, Edward

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$12,482	\$12,482	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$12,482)</u>	<u>(\$12,482)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 203 proposes that the State of Montana adopt the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. The cost of participation is estimated to be \$12,482 each year of the two year agreement, which includes facilitation services, travel, and membership dues to the Interstate Compact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Office of Public Instruction

1. SB 203 adopts the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. The purpose of the compact is to facilitate the timely enrollment of children of Military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents.
2. It is anticipated that the Great Falls Public Schools is the only public school system that has a high concentration of military children and will be significantly impacted by the transfer of children of military families.
3. Article VIII of the Compact creates a state council to coordinate the agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the state's participation in and compliance with the Compact and the Interstate Commission activities. The state council must appoint or designate a military

family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of the compact. The Office of Public Instruction would contract with an individual to serve in the facilitation role at a cost of \$6,000 annually (\$30 x 200 hours). The services provided under the contract will include meeting arrangements for the state council and representing the state at meetings of the Interstate Commission. This fiscal note anticipates \$3,000 for travel costs annually.

4. The state council (with a minimum of six members) will meet at least twice at a cost of \$500 per meeting for a total cost of \$1,000.
5. The cost of joining the Interstate Compact is \$2 per eligible student. For the most recent year, Montana had 1,741 eligible students. The cost of joining the Interstate Compact is \$3,482.
6. Article XIV limits the state expenditures to the Interstate Commission to a maximum of \$5,000.00 annually.
7. SB 203 shows has a termination date of June 30, 2015, so for this fiscal note, costs show through that date.

Legislative Branch

8. SB 203 is one of several bills seeking to add to the duties of interim committees. The fiscal note for each bill is prepared based on the effect of the individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill will require additional analysis and may require additional resources.
9. SB 203 requires that, by July 1, 2014, representatives of the Great Falls school district, the Helena school district, and a member of the military, as specified by the adjutant general, shall provide a report to the Education and Local Government Interim Committee regarding the state’s participation in the compact on educational opportunity for military children established in Section 1.
10. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the committee will perform the work from existing resources; the Legislative Services Division will evaluate resource needs after completing the first interim which includes the requirements of this bill.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$12,482	\$12,482	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$12,482</u>	<u>\$12,482</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$12,482	\$12,482	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$12,482</u>	<u>\$12,482</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$12,482)	(\$12,482)	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

1. Page 2 line 12 and page 4 line 3 refer to 10 U.S.C. 1209 and 1211 as the US Code for National Guard activation. The actual US Codes are 10 U.S.C. 12304 and 10 U.S.C. 12301(d).

Sponsor’s Initials

Date

Budget Director’s Initials

Date