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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3326	Introduced on January 10, 2017
Author:	Williams	
Subject:	School Prayer	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gable	
Impact Date:	March 6, 2018	

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	Undetermined	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill results in the need for schools to provide supervision for any student who opts out of the prayer and for schools to notify parents of the prayer beginning in FY 2018-19. However, the local expenditure is undetermined since it is unknown how many teachers, students, and schools would be affected.

This bill would have no impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill allows teachers to deliver a prayer during the minute of mandatory moment of silence at the beginning of each school day, provided that any student who does not want to listen to or participate in the prayer is given the option to leave the classroom. Currently, all schools must provide for a minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day.

Department of Education. This bill allows teachers to deliver a prayer during the minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day. This bill adds no additional duties or responsibilities for the Department of Education. Therefore, there would be no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Department of Education.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill allows teachers to deliver a prayer during the minute of mandatory moment of silence at the beginning of each school day, provided that any student who does not want to listen to or participate in the prayer is given the option to leave the classroom. Currently, all schools must provide for a minute of mandatory silence at the beginning of each school day.

To implement this bill, schools would need additional supervision for any student who opted to leave the classroom. Additionally, schools must notify the parents of the students in a classroom where a teacher opted to deliver a prayer. The parents must be given the option to opt out of having their child participate in the delivery of a prayer. Schools may incur costs to insure additional supervision and to notify parents. The total expenditure impact to schools would vary dependent upon how many teachers choose to deliver a prayer and how many students opt to leave the classroom during that time. Therefore, the local expenditure impact is undetermined.

Local Revenue

N/A



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