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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0203 Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	Hembree
Subject:	School District Trustees, Removal and Vacancy Filling
Requestor:	Senate Education
RFA Analyst(s):	Wren
Impact Date:	February 8, 2021

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill, which establishes protocol and appropriate justification for the Governor to remove a local school district trustee from office, will have no expenditure impact on the State Department of Education (SDE) or the state agency schools since it does not alter the responsibilities or duties of the agencies.

The Office of the Governor previously indicated that similar legislation would have no expenditure impact on the agency since it required the agency to perform activities within the normal course of business. Therefore, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the Office of the Governor.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts since it does not alter the responsibilities or duties of school districts.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### Introduced on January 12, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill establishes protocol for the Governor, instead of county boards of education, to remove school district trustees from office due to malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, persistent neglect of duty in office, or incapacity.

**State Department of Education.** SDE indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency since the bill does not alter the responsibilities or duties of the agency.

**State Agency Schools.** The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact since it does not alter the responsibilities or duties of the agencies. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools.

**Office of the Governor.** The Office of the Governor previously indicated that similar legislation would have no expenditure impact on the agency since it requires the agency to

perform activities within the normal course of business. Therefore, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the Office of the Governor.

State Revenue

N/A

### Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue N/A

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