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Bill Number: S. 0923 Introduced on December 7, 2021

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Subject: Youth Patriotic Societies

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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the principal of each elementary, middle, and high school to allow representatives of the youth patriotic societies the opportunity to speak with students for ten minutes during Patriotism Week. A school is not required to allocate more than thirty minutes for use by youth patriotic societies annually. The State Superintendent of Education must require districts to observe Patriotism Week.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Department of Education since enforcement of the bill can be accomplished within the normal course of agency business.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools since the agencies can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts since the districts will be able to manage the requirements for Patriotism Week within their existing budgets.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on December 7, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill requires the principal of each elementary, middle, and high school to allow representatives of the youth patriotic societies the opportunity to speak with students for ten minutes during Patriotism Week. A school is not required to allocate more than thirty minutes for use by youth patriotic societies annually. After receiving notice of a society's intent to address students, the principal of the school must provide verbal or written approval indicating the date and time for the society to address the students. Additionally, the bill requires the State Superintendent of Education to require, instead of encourage, school districts to observe Patriotism Week and include time allotted for youth patriotic society addresses to students during the specified Patriotism Week in November.

State Department of Education. SCDE indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency since enforcement of the bill can be accomplished within the normal course of agency business.

State Agency Schools. The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, and the School for the Deaf and Blind indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the agencies can adhere to the provisions of the bill within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires the principal of each elementary, middle, and high school to allow representatives of the youth patriotic societies the opportunity to speak with students for ten minutes during Patriotism Week. A school is not required to allocate more than thirty minutes for use by youth patriotic societies annually. Districts are also required, instead of encouraged, to observe Patriotism Week.

SCDE anticipates that the public school districts will be able to manage the Patriotism Week requirements within their existing budgets. Therefore, the bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on local school districts.

Local Revenue

N/A

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