

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2992 - B

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Measure Description:

Requires school district board and public charter school governing body to adopt and implement policy that requires volunteers to undergo criminal records check if district or school allows volunteers to have direct, unsupervised contact with school children.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts, Education Service Districts (ESD)

Analysis:

The bill requires public school districts or public charter schools, and permits private schools, to adopt and implement a policy to require volunteers who have direct, unsupervised contact with school children, to undergo a background check. The bill expands existing school volunteer and employment background check law to permit the option of a nationwide criminal records check conducted the Department of Education (ODE).

The fiscal impact of this measure is not fully determinable at this time because the number of additional volunteers that would require a criminal records check is not readily available; although preliminary information indicates that most school districts already conduct some form of background checks so the fiscal impact to school districts is likely minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters. Expanding ORS 181A.195 to permit ODE to conduct criminal background checks for volunteers may increase the total number of background checks conducted by ODE; therefore the agency has requested an additional \$442,500 in Other Funds limitation in the 2017-19 biennium and an equal increase in OF revenues resulting from a projected increase of 7,500 background checks for a fee of \$59 each. This additional Other Funds expenditure limitation will be provided in the ODE budget bill (SB 5516).