

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2449 P S HB	Title: Truancy reduction	Agency: 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Account	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
Counties					
Cities					
Total \$					

Estimated Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost. Please see discussion.

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill establishes the “Keeping Kids in School” act.

The bill would require an initial stay of truancy petition in order to allow for appropriate intervention and prevention of truancy before using a court order to enforce attendance laws.

The bill would encourage efforts by county juvenile courts and school districts to establish and maintain therapeutic truancy boards and employ other best practices.

This bill would require juvenile courts to provide data to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) regarding the extent to which courts order youth into a secure detention facility for violation of a court order related to truancy, at-risk youth, and children in need of services. The AOC would be required to report the data annually to the legislature.

Part II.A – Brief Description of what the Measure does that has fiscal impact on the Courts

RCW 28A.225.025 would be amended (Section 4(3)) to define “therapeutic truancy board” as a community truancy board operated within existing resources pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between a school district and a juvenile court.

RCW 28A.225.030 and RCW 28A.225.015 would be amended (Section 5(4)(a)) to say that petitions filed would initially be stayed and intervention and prevention efforts employed to reduce a child’s unexcused absences. Section 5(4)(b) If the intervention and prevention efforts are unsuccessful, the stay would be lifted.

RCW 2.56 would be amended, adding Section 13 to require juvenile courts to provide data to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) regarding the extent to which courts order youth into a secure detention facility for violation of a court order related to truancy, at-risk youth, and children in need of services. The AOC would be required to report this data annually to the legislature, with the first report due March 1, 2017.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

No cash receipt impact.

II.C – Expenditures

Sections 4(3) and 5(4)(a) are indeterminate, but less than \$50,000 per year. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) does not have data to estimate how many hearings would be required, or how many petitions would be stayed or lifted. There may be a reduction in hearings for counties that have a therapeutic truancy board, but if a child goes through the intervention and prevention programs and is still a truant, there could be additional hearings.

The reporting requirements of Section 13 would be handled through development of a report using existing data already transmitted to the AOC from juvenile courts. Cost to develop and prepare the report would be minimal and would be managed within existing resources.