

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue	(\$8,460 to \$77,508)	(\$2,876 to \$140,970)	(\$2,876)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$8,460 to \$77,508)	(\$2,876 to \$140,970)	(\$2,876)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Division of Legislative Research** assumed the Joint Committee on Legislative Research and the Legislative Academy Advisory Committee would determine the extent of academy offerings. Costs for contract services would be up to \$32,000 per academy.

Officials from the **House of Representatives** stated that the fiscal impact could be about \$5,650 per member participating in the Academy (per diem of \$76 per day for 60 days and mileage reimbursements of \$91 per week for 12 weeks) and \$1,124 per day for Advisory Commission meetings (9 members being paid a \$34 per day meal allowance and mileage as shown above).

While there were ninety new members for the 2003 session, it is unknown how many new members there would be for the 2005 session and total costs to the House would depend upon that number. Costs would range from \$175,142 for thirty members to **\$926,696 if all 163 members attended all sessions of the Academy.**

Officials from the **Senate** assumed most members elected to the Senate have already served the House and therefore may not participate in the academy. For example, only three of the last twelve new members had not served in the House. The Senate assumes the academy would be four days per week with per diem at \$76 per day and weekly mileage at \$91 per member (current

ASSUMPTION (continued)

average). This would result in an estimated weekly cost per attendee of \$395 [(4 x \$76 + \$91)]. Total estimated cost assuming attendance for twelve weeks of the academy would be \$4,740 (\$395 x 12 weeks) per member. Assuming only one to two members attend the twelve week duration of the academy, estimated cost to the Senate would be \$4,740 to \$9,480. Given these assumptions the costs to the Senate could be absorbed within current appropriations during the period of this fiscal note.

Oversight Division officials assume the proposal would result in no direct fiscal impact to the Division and that additional duties could be accomplished with existing resources although some duties might have to be rearranged depending on how much time the proposed Academy requires. They also assume for fiscal note purposes that the Academy sessions would be held four days a week and that the Advisory Committee would meet for ten days over two weeks during FY 2005 to set up the curricula for the Academy and three days in subsequent fiscal years to update offerings.

Oversight assumes: 1) costs for each session of the Academy would be split between fiscal years and that sessions will be four days a week for twelve weeks, 2) the first Academy would be held during the interim between the 2005 and 2006 sessions, and 3) that up to thirty new House members would participate.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost</u> - Division of Legislative Research Contract Services	(\$0 to \$10,667)	(\$0 to \$21,333)	\$0
<u>Cost</u> - House of Representatives (0 to 30 participants)	(\$0 to \$58,381)	(\$0 to \$116,761)	\$0
<u>Cost</u> - Advisory Committee	<u>(\$8,460)</u>	<u>(\$2,876)</u>	<u>(\$2,876)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$8,460 to \$77,508)</u>	<u>(\$2,876 to \$140,970)</u>	<u>(\$2,876)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would establish a Legislative Academy within the Office of Legislative Research. The Academy would be designed to educate members of the General Assembly about the organization and operation of state government, appropriations and other aspects of the legislative branch. Sessions of the Academy would be conducted during the interim of each biennium following the first regular session of each General Assembly. Participants would be eligible for per diem and expense allowances comparable to session rates.

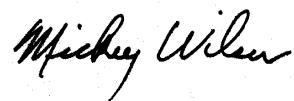
The proposal would also establish an Advisory Committee to the Legislative Academy comprised of nine former legislators chosen by the Speaker and President Pro Tem. Duties of the Committee would primarily focus upon the Academy curriculum.

This proposal contains a sunset date.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This proposal would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

House of Representatives
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