

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1245-02  
Bill No.: SCS for SB 224  
Subject: Education, Higher; Higher Education Department; Immigration  
Type: Original  
Date: March 9, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursement from the A+ Schools Program.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

For the original bill, **Oversight** had to prepare the fiscal note without a response from Department of Higher Education. Oversight reflected a potential unknown savings for each fiscal year. After the issuance of the fiscal note on February 10, 2015, Oversight received a response from Department of Higher Education that calculated the actual savings per each fiscal year.

Officials at the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** assumed in FY 2014, there were 52 non-citizens who received reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program, and the average award amount was \$2,500 per year. The data collected makes it difficult to know how many of those non-citizens are permanent residents and how many of them are eligible temporary residents. If we assume 20% of them were eligible temporary residents who would no longer receive funding under the new definition, the total savings to the state would be \$25,000 ( $52 * 0.2 = 10 * \$2,500$ ).

This would be a one-time savings to the state, as future years' appropriations would be based on the new student count projections.

**Oversight** notes that currently students in the A+ Program receive an average award amount of \$2,500. The A+ Program is designed to pay the full tuition cost for the student. Currently the average award amount is one credit hour short of paying the full tuition cost of the student. Oversight notes this proposal may result in a savings of \$25,000 to the A+ Program and those savings may be redistributed to other students in the A+ Program due to the funding shortfall. Oversight for fiscal note purposes, will show the savings to the state.

Officials at the **Metropolitan Community College, State Technical College of Missouri, University of Central Missouri** and the **University of Missouri** each assume there is no fiscal impact to their respective schools from this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - Dept of Higher Education - A+ money not distributed to non-citizens	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$25,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,000</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act requires a student to be a United States citizen or permanent resident in order to be eligible to receive reimbursements from the A+ Schools Program.

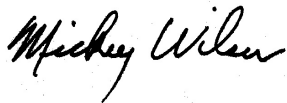
This act contains an emergency clause.

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

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