

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2015 REGULAR SESSION
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MEASURE

2015 BR NUMBER 1132

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 498

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE An ACT relating to improving student achievement gaps.

SPONSOR Representative Graham

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: _____

FUND(S) IMPACT: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED AGENCY _____ OTHER

FISCAL SUMMARY

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2014-2015	2015-2016	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES		Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT		Indeterminable	Indeterminable

() indicates a decrease/negative

MEASURE'S PURPOSE: This measure's purpose is to require a targeted focus school to undergo an audit and implement an internal innovation plan and directs the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate regulations regarding the audit process.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS: A new section of KRS Chapter 160 is created to define terms; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing the audit process, membership, and criteria to be utilized; directs qualifying local school districts to establish an audit team and stipulates audit review and report requirements; requires the superintendent of the district to act upon recommendations of the audit report within 30 days; requires the school council and the local board of education to review and approve the proposed internal innovation plan and identify areas of improvement; requires additional training as needed or recommended; allows the school council to appeal the decision to remove a principal to the local board of education within 30 days; requires the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to review audit reports and provide appropriate training to targeted focus schools; requires the local board of education of a targeted focus school to include in the superintendent's evaluation a goal relating to closing achievement gaps in the targeted focus school(s); allows a

school to exit target focus school status when it no longer meets the definition of a targeted focus school for two consecutive years after the internal innovation; and requires the superintendent to forward any evidence identified by the audit team suggesting that a violation of KRS 160.345(9)(a) has occurred to the Office of Education Accountability for investigation.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: This measure requires KDE to promulgate administrative regulations, provide training and support to targeted focus schools, and review audit reports. KDE believes that approximately 40 schools would qualify as targeted focus schools. Each target focus school will develop their own individual plan specific to meet their precise goals to disqualify their school as a low performing school. Initial information received from KDE indicated a specific cost to implement the measure. KDE has since revised the estimate to account for the inability to estimate the cost for each targeted focus school to implement their individual plan. Therefore, the cost is indeterminable.

However, KDE must audit each diagnostic review. KDE estimates audit costs to be \$10,000 per diagnostic review for each of the 40 targeted focus schools.

DATA SOURCE(S): KDE

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