

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Local Government

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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The following responses from local governments were compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division can neither verify nor comment on the figures provided by the individual local governments.

Local Government Responses
A.B. 218 / BDR 34 - 666

School District: **Carson City School District**

Approved by: Andrew J Feuling, Director of Fiscal Services

Comment: The only impact is the travel/sub costs for those attending the conference. In the PDF document, the opening section that explains the changes make it sound like a social worker becomes a required employee or service purchased. In the actual BDR language, it sounds like it is just defining what the expectations of a social worker are IF employed by the district. My assumption is that the BDR language where it seems that there is not a new requirement to staff a social worker is correct. Otherwise there would be a staff cost increase of close to \$750,000 to hire 1-3 social workers for each school.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

School District: **Clark County School District**

Approved by: Nicole Thorn, Deputy CFO

Comment: This bill provides unfunded mandates. CCSD expects to have impacts in the following areas: 1) Section 3 requires the designation of a full time employee to serve in the capacity of emergency manager. The cost for a full time director including salary and benefits is \$120,000. 2) Section 5 includes social work services. The cost of a counselor including salary and benefits is \$77,745 per individual. In order for those individuals to be able to conduct mental health assessments of students, make referrals to mental health professionals, and perform home visits could require an additional counselor per site. With 357 schools, this cost would be \$27.7 million dollars.

Total expected impact \$27.87 million.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$27,874,965	\$27,874,965	\$55,749,930

School District: **Douglas County School District**

Approved by: HOLLY LUNA, CFO, BUSINESS SERVICES

Comment: This BDR is an unfunded mandate with on-going fiscal impact. The Bill would require: the Douglas County School District Board of Trustees to consult with the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety before constructing, expanding or remodeling buildings for schools or related facilities which would require district personnel to meet with and submit plans for construction projects creating additional time burdens on district managers of unspecified amounts; the Department of Education to conduct an annual conference regarding safety in public schools which may involve travel and lodging costs depending on the location and duration of the conference*; the board of trustees of each school district to provide drills to instruct pupils concerning lockdown procedures which is currently being done on an annual basis but would require local Fire Department Officials to monitor school safety drills; a licensed social worker who is employed or retained to provide services to pupils at a public school to provide certain services including but not limited to

- Conduct mental health assessments of pupils;
- Make referrals of pupils to mental health professionals;
- Conduct home visits with families of pupils identified as having been involved in a behavioral incident on the premises of a public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus; and
- Assess the needs of pupils and provide a list of any resources that are available in the community to assist a pupil, including, without limitation, resources available at no charge or at a reduced cost

The costs of one FTE being \$78,000 in addition to some of the above tasks requiring specialized training the costs not provided in this Bill.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$78,500	\$78,500	\$78,500

School District: **Lincoln County School District**

Approved by: Steve Hansen, Superintendent

Comment: Sending individuals to safety conferences costs a few thousand dollars. A licensed social worker costs \$80,000 a year employeeed, and retained it will cost around \$50,000 as a consultant. There is the cost to Lincoln County School District.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$82,000	\$85,000	\$90,000

School District: **Lyon County School District**

Approved by: Philip Cowee, Director of Finance

Comment: No Impact

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Nye County School District**

Approved by: Kerry Paniagua, Executive Secretary

Comment: The cost for one person to fly to a one-day conference, including airfare, car rental, hotel & meals would be at least \$650. Not counting our one-room schoolhouse in 1 attendance area, 5 out of 6 of the remaining attendance areas have voluntary fire departments. To conduct lockdown drills once a month and require voluntary firemen to be in attendance would place a burden on those communities. It would also reduce instruction time in schools at a time when there is increased testing & bills proposing increased graduation requirements, increased PE time, etc.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Pershing County School District**

Approved by: Dan Fox, Superintendent

Comment: There would be a fiscal impact on the district, however, it is difficult to estimate since the word "Consult" may have different connotations. There would also be additional costs associated with staff attending conferences/meetings.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Washoe County School District**

Approved by: Lindsay E. Anderson, Director of Government Affairs

Comment: Washoe County School District thinks will have a minimal impact of travel costs to the annual conference.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0

School District: **Storey County School District**

Approved by: Robert Slaby, Superintendent

Comment: Cost of modification of school and equipment.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **White Pine County School District**

Approved by: Paul Johnson, CFO

Comment: The District already has a staff member designated as an emergency manager. In addition the District has a Facilities, Safety and Wellness committee that meets at least monthly to review its crisis response protocol, facilities and wellness issues. Schools are required to conduct monthly evacuation drills including lockdowns. The only requirement of this BDR that will really have an impact is if the District is required to hire a licensed social worker. The estimate above assumes that the District will be required to hire a social worker. If this is not the case, the impact would be reduced to the travel required to attend emergency preparedness conferences. The wage estimate is the median wage for a licensed social worker obtained from Salary.com.

<http://www1.salary.com/Licensed-Clinical-Social-Worker-salary.html>

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$87,455	\$89,869	\$182,224

The following school districts did not provide a response: Churchill County School District, Elko County School District, Esmeralda County School District, Eureka County School District, Humboldt County School District, Lander County School District, and Mineral County School District.