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SB 206

EXECUTIVE AGENCY

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 9, 2023

Agency Submitting: Department of Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

If enacted, NDE proposes the creation of a separate Office within NDE to oversee, monitor and evaluate the requirements of this bill. This would require NDE to convert certain public schools to charter schools under certain circumstances and make the NDE the sponsor of the converted schools. When a school is converted, the NDE would assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the school, including but not limited to, transportation of the students and food services. The NDE is unable to determine the fiscal impact on the NDE for the following reasons:
Section 21-27: It is unknown at this time how many schools would meet the criteria established for the NDE to become the sponsor of the school. As a result, the following costs cannot be determined:
o The number of educational management organizations or charter management organizations that would apply and be eligible to support the Department charter schools and what their associated fee would be. If more than one organization applies and is approved, the costs between organizations could vary.
o The number of students requiring transportation is unknown.
o The number of school buses and the cost of fuel is also unknown.
o The costs of administering food services is unknown.
o It is unknown how many school police officers would be required.
o The age and condition of the schools are unknown, therefore, operation and maintenance costs cannot be estimated for each school converted.
o NDE is unable to determine the costs associated with the prescribed audits and training for the prospective auditors until the number of schools is known.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Saturday, March 04, 2023

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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