

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB241E

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Watkins

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Open Education Curriculum Board; established

5. Summary: Establishes the Open Education Curriculum Board. The purpose of the Board is to designate qualifying entities as Open Education Consortia and set the standards for submission of education materials and subsequent licensing of educational curriculum developed by the Consortia. Materials submitted to a Consortium may be edited in any manner and released under a Creative Commons license or licensed for use as a commercial product, subject to restrictions developed by the Board. Consortia may offer financial incentives to encourage individuals to submit educational materials to the Consortium.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 130 – HB/SB 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: The engrossed version of this bill adds an enactment clause stipulating the bill will not go into effect unless an appropriation is included in the 2010-2012 Appropriation Act passed during the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor.

This legislation will establish the Open Education Curriculum Board for the purpose of designating qualifying entities as Open Education Consortia and setting the standards for submission of materials and licensing of education curriculum developed by such consortia. This bill will have a fiscal impact on the Department of Education (DOE). Using DOE's expenses for a similar board as a proxy, the Civics Education Commission, it is estimated funding would be needed for: 1) one part-time staff person (estimated at \$40 per hour for 1,500 hours per year or \$60,000 per annum) and 2) travel costs for board members and speakers (estimated at between \$13,000 and \$19,000 per year based upon similar costs for the Civics Education Commission). Additional costs may also be incurred for supplies, meeting room costs, and working lunches. When DOE provided support for the Civic Education Commission, it was appropriated \$81,000 per year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, and local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB724.

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