

BDR 34-832
AB 341

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 30, 2015

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. 341 / BDR 34 - 832

<p>School District: Carson City School District Approved by: Andrew J Feuling, Director of Fiscal Services Comment: The additional employee would cost \$82,000. The Early Literacy Screening Assessments would be expected to cost \$10,000. The professional development would cost \$25,000 for it to be district wide and annual. Assuming 10% of our population is dyslexic, and we would probably test double that to find out who is and who is not dyslexic after initial screening, and assuming a full on dyslexia testing battery would cost \$500/student, that would be \$700,000. We are already doing substantial testing that allows us to find if kids have dyslexia and/or reading issues through Childfind and we already support them in our special education programs. All of this extra cost seems to be redundant and would have a huge impact on our budgets if unfunded.</p>				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$817,000	\$817,000	\$817,000

<p>School District: Clark County School District Approved by: Nikki Thorn, Deputy CFO Comment: Students with dyslexia are currently eligible to receive special education and related services including appropriate accommodations and modifications under the IDEA, under the specific learning disability eligibility category. Consequently, the proposed legislation already protects such students, and, therefore, is unnecessary. The identification, assessment, and intervention proposals as well as staff requirements set forth in AB 341 are unnecessarily duplicative of requirements already established by state and Federal law.</p>				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$472,745	\$76,745	\$153,490

School District: **Douglas County School District**

Approved by: HOLLY LUNA, CFO, BUSINESS SERVICES

Comment: This BDR would have significant fiscal impact through the unfunded mandate, and ongoing annual fiscal costs, which show an initial test. However, should a new edition of screen be required, then fiscal costs would be more accurately reflected by referring to FY15/16 expenses.

Details of the fiscal impact are as follows.

Yr One:

- Dyslexia Interventionist
- Purchase on 84 Test kits at \$250/kit=\$21,000.00
- Purchase Testing Score Sheets at 34 packets (50 sheets per packet) at \$77/packet=\$2879.00
- Professional Development: 1 day training with 84 teachers at \$100/day/teacher for substitute costs. \$8,400.00

Yr Two:

- Dyslexia Interventionist
- Purchase Testing Score Sheets at 34 packets (50 sheets per packet) at \$77/packet=\$2879.00
- Professional Development: 1 day training with 84 teachers at \$100/day/teacher for substitute costs. \$8,400.00

Yr Three:

- Dyslexia Interventionist
- Purchase Testing Score Sheets at 34 packets (50 sheets per packet) at \$77/packet=\$2879.00
- Professional Development: 1 day training with 84 teachers at \$100/day/teacher for substitute costs. \$8,400.00

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$64,279	\$43,279	\$43,279

School District: **Esmeralda County School District**

Approved by: Monie L. Byers, Superintendent

Comment: The district does not have any students identified in the BDR at this time, and it is unknown if we will have any next year.

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

<p>School District: Lincoln County School District Approved by: Steve Hansen, Superintendent Comment: Fiscal impact to Lincoln County School District is: Training in Dyslexia= \$30,000. Dyslexia therapy kind-of like speech therapy or occupational therapy would cost = \$35,000 annually. Professional Development for teachers = \$7,000</p>				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$82,000	\$35,000	\$35,000

<p>City/County: Lyon County School District Approved by: Philip Cowee, Director of Finance Comment: BDR 34-832 would require the district to hire seven additional full time equivalent employees for the screening and intervention for children with disabilities.</p>				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$630,000	\$630,000	\$0

<p>School District: Nye County School District Approved by: Kerry Paniagua, Executive Secretary Comment: To hire, train & maintain a dyslexia specialist would not be cost effective. It would be cheaper to contract as needed. Another unfunded mandate.</p>				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<p>School District: Pershing County School District Approved by: Dan Fox, Superintendent Comment: Has Impact</p>				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$104,000	\$102,000	\$104,500

<p>School District: Storey County School District Approved by: Robert Slaby, Superintendent Comment: Effect funds for DSA.</p>				
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 estimates additional staff will be required to comply with this proposed policy.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$835,000	\$835,000	\$835,000

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

Approved by: Paul Johnson, CFO

Comment: In order to meet the requirement to screen all student in grades 1 - 2, the District would have to screen up to 326 students initially and then in subsequent years focus on kindergarten and transfer students that have not been tested. The initial cost would be approximately \$84,000. In grade three, we can assume that approximately 10% of the student population should be tested which is an additional 10 students bringing the total to 336 students. If it takes approximately \$250 to administer the tests per student then it would cost approximately \$84,000 in the first year. For subsequent years, tests would be administered to kindergarten students and transfer students or approximately 130 students at an estimated cost of \$32,500. These costs include the cost for professional services, or certificated personnel, screening materials and administrative costs. Costs will vary based on professional rates and materials used.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$84,000	\$32,500	\$116,500

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