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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Woods **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/28/14  
**LAST UPDATED** 02/03/14 **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** Study Transporting School Students **SJM** 12/aSEC  
**ANALYST** Armstrong

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SEC Amendment

The Senate Education Committee amendment to Senate Joint Memorial 12 clarifies the definition of “school district” to reflect that school districts are segregated geographically for taxation and “*bonding purposes*” rather than for taxation of public schools as the bill originally stated.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 12 requests that PED develop and implement a two-year pilot program allowing two school districts to transport students who willingly participate to and from schools of choice outside of their respective districts. The memorial also asks PED to work with the participating districts to report to LESC and LFC before the 2017 legislative session on recommendations for expanding opportunities and establishing rules for boundary agreements based on school choice.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This joint memorial contains no appropriation. However, it does ask PED to administer this new initiative. The department is struggling to effectively maintain day-to-day operations and a number of current initiatives – both new and existing. Given ongoing vacancy levels, the

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department may not have sufficient staff to effectively administer this new initiative while maintaining quality administration of existing initiatives.

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