

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GUARANTEE IN EDUCATION (SAGE) PROGRAM

FISCAL NOTE

The department is required to promulgate rules to implement and administer the payment of state aid under the student achievement guarantee in education (SAGE) program. The rules, as required by statute, specify that the department may award no more than \$2000 per low-income pupil enrolled in grades kindergarten to 3 to eligible schools. The rules establish 3 calculation periods for the department and 3 reporting periods for eligible schools in October, January, and March. If funds are insufficient in any calculation period, the rules allow the department to prorate the \$2000 per low-income student. If adequate funds are available in any calculation period, the rules allow eligible schools to report to the department and receive funds for additional pupils who were enrolled on the third Friday in September but for whom documentation of low-income status was not submitted or determined until a later date.

There is a possibility in the future that some low-income pupils in eligible schools would not receive funding under the proposed rules if the eligible school does not claim the pupil in the October reporting/calculation period and all appropriated funds are allocated in that initial calculation of state aid. Under past practice, all low-income pupils reported by eligible schools would have received a prorated amount.

The rules will have no fiscal effect on the department or small businesses.

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