

FISCAL NOTE

HB 379 - SB 480

April 2, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education to continue the "Touching the Lives of Children" pilot program in the current 15 counties in which it is operating with grants not to exceed \$8,000 per site. No more than 5 pilot programs shall be established in any grand division.

If any one of those counties is not continued in the program, the department shall establish criteria for selection of counties to volunteer to participate in the pilot program. Such criteria shall include the requirement that a group of volunteers teach the program and that the application from the county include information on the volunteer group which will teach the program. The department shall report annually to the Education Committees of the House and Senate and the Joint Oversight Committee on Education on the program but the report shall include only children actively participating in the program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Bill continues an existing program, at the current level of funding for the program, therefore, the fiscal impact is estimated to be minimal.

For information purposes:

- The current funding level for the program is \$120,000.
- Currently, there is \$120,000 appropriated for "Touching the Lives of Children" in the Department of Education's 2001-02 budget.
- There are currently "Touching the Lives of Children" programs in 17 sites in 16 counties.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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