

Fiscal Note

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 Title: CIVICS EDUCATION
 Sponsor: STEVENS
 Requester: (S) Finance

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
 Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
 Allocation: Student and School Achievement
 OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services	151.3		151.3	151.3	151.3	151.3	151.3	151.3
Travel								
Services	680.8		27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	227.8
Commodities	5.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	837.1	0.0	179.1	179.1	179.1	179.1	179.1	379.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	837.1		179.1	179.1	179.1	179.1	179.1	379.1
Total	837.1	0.0	179.1	179.1	179.1	179.1	179.1	379.1

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/27**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

DEED completed a Request for Information(RFI) in December 2025 to determine costs for creating the required course, curriculum, and assessment. This FN reflects the estimated costs based on proposed estimates from potential vendors.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill adds civics education and assessment to the list of secondary school graduation requirements.

The State Board of Education must develop and maintain: 1) a statewide civic education and comparative government curriculum, 2) a 100 question civic assessment based on the civics portion of the naturalization examination used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security, 3) a civics project-based assessment, 4) regulations to identify students who have attained a high level of proficiency in civic knowledge, civic skills, a civic mindset, and civic experiences, 5) a seal of civic readiness that may be attached to a student's school transcript and diploma. Students must receive a passing score of 70 percent or more on one of the assessments in order to receive a secondary school diploma.

This fiscal note contains the following one-time expenses: 1) \$640.0 for a facilitator to convene 20 educators and qualified stakeholders for their participation in the development of a secondary school, semester long civics course/curriculum; a 100 question civics assessment; a civics project-based assessment; a process for identifying students who have attained a high level of proficiency in civics; and costs for stipends, travel, and facilitation fees; 2) \$151.3 for a full-time Social Studies Standards content expert to support the development and ongoing implementation of the statewide civics curriculum and assessment; 3) \$5.0 supplies and equipment for the new position; 4) \$22.8 for employee chargebacks; 5) \$200.0 for a facilitator to convene 20 educators and qualified stakeholders for a review and update of the statewide curriculum and assessment in year 5 of the program; 6) \$12.0 for the design, printing, and shipping of a civic education seal; 7) \$6.0 for legal fees to implement the necessary regulation changes.

This fiscal note contains the following annual costs: 1) 151.3 for a full-time Social Studies Standards content expert to support the ongoing implementation of the statewide civics curriculum and assessment; 2) \$22.8 for employee chargebacks, 3) \$5.0 for printing and sending civic education seals to districts.