

Fiscal Impact Statement

DATE: 1/26/2023

BILL: HB1204,

SPONSOR: Wooten

SUBTITLE:

TO REQUIRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER AN ANNUAL STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT; AND TO REQUIRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMIT EACH STUDENT WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION AND INTENDS TO COVER PRIVATE SCHOOL COSTS WITH STATE FUNDING.

TOPIC

Private Schools

AFFECTED FUNDS

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REVENUE IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact as amended.

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Currently, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2907(a), the Department contracts with assessment providers to administer the statewide assessments, paying the cost of the assessments on behalf of the public school districts and public charter schools. A process for individual entities or individuals to pay for assessment costs does not currently exist. The registration data required for assessment providers is currently collected through the statewide school finance system accessible only to public school districts and public charter schools.

