

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would increase the fee to obtain a marriage license from \$15 to \$100 unless one of the following conditions are met: 1) the couple presents proof of completion of at least eight hours of marriage education, or 2) the couple presents compelling circumstances, including but not limited to, pregnancy, terminal illness or imminent transfer to a combat zone. Marriage education is defined in the bill. If the couple does not present proof of marriage education as provided in the bill or does not have a compelling circumstance, the couple or one person of the couple must contact the county clerk in the county in which they intend to obtain a marriage license at least 30 days before the date of when they intend to marry.

This bill would potentially increase both revenues and expenditures of counties. The impact would vary from county to county. It is unknown how many couples would chose to not complete the marriage education courses, so the increased revenue cannot be determined. In some counties with larger populations, some additional expenses may be incurred to establish the verification of marriage education.