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SB 20-117

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Cooke

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Bill Topic: SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PAYCHECK TRANSPARENCY

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, School District, Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that school districts and charter schools make certain disclosures to employees related to salary deductions payable to third parties and spent on political or lobbying activities. The bill increases costs and workload for school districts.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires each school district board of education or charter school that deducts money from an employee's salary that is payable to a third party and spent on political activities or lobbying to disclose that information to the employee. Disclosures must occur on or before March 15, of each year in a report that:

- compiles the deductions for political activity or lobbying by a third party for all employees for the previous year;
is easily accessed by employees online, or in print if requested;
includes each entity that received money from a deduction, and the amount each entity received; and
lists each contribution or expenditure and the specific political activity or lobbying expense for which the money was used.

Each school district and charter school must require third-party entities that receive employee paycheck deductions that are spent on political activity or lobbying to report the amount spent on such activities and specific purposes of each expenditure by February 15, of each year.

School Districts

The bill increases costs and workload for school districts and charter schools to request, compile, and disclose the information specified in the bill. Costs will vary by school district and charter school, based on current resources and practices, and the number of third parties that receive paycheck deductions.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts Secretary of State