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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Boitano DATE TYPED: 3/3/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Study Benefits of Smaller Schools SB SJM 23

ANALYST: Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 23 requests the State Board of Education (SBE) to study the benefits of smaller schools and methods to reduce school size and to report the findings of that study to the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) by November 1,2003.

Significant Issues

The bill sites research on the advantages of small schools, in the areas of safety, attendance rates, lower dropout rates and better participation rates.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The SDE indicates that the department would be able to fulfill the requirements of the legislation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to SDE, current staff would be able to accomplish the request.

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