



[HF 2154](#) – Printed Student Report Cards (LSB5049HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2154](#) requires school districts to provide the parent or guardian of each enrolled student with a printed report card. The school may provide the printed report card in the following ways:

- Mailing the report card to the parent or guardian.
- Providing the report card to the student during the school day and directing the student to take the report card home to the parent or guardian.
- Hand delivering the report card to the parent or guardian.

Background

Based on enrollment numbers from October 2022, there were approximately 486,000 students enrolled in Iowa public schools.

Assumptions

- There are approximately 486,000 students enrolled in Iowa public schools.
- The number of schools that do not currently provide printed report cards to the parents or guardians of enrolled students is unknown.
- Printing, preparing, and mailing report cards will be handled by existing staff.
- Report cards will be sent out twice each year by the school district.
- The cost to the school districts of printing report cards is estimated at \$0.01 per pupil for every enrolled student statewide twice a year and is approximately \$10,000.
- The cost of postage and envelopes for school districts to mail printed report cards twice a year is estimated at \$0.70 per pupil for every enrolled student statewide and is approximately \$681,000 per year.
- School districts that opt to provide the printed report to the parents or guardians by hand delivery or having the student bring the card home will see lower costs compared to school districts who choose to mail report cards.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2154 will have no fiscal impact on the State but may have an impact to local school districts.

The Bill may increase printing and postage costs to individual school districts. The increased costs would be paid out of the individual school district's general fund; however, the number of school districts that will need to modify the way report cards are provided to parents and guardians is unknown.

House File 2154 may include a State mandate as defined in Iowa Code section [25B.2](#) and requires that any State mandate in the Bill be paid by a school district from the school district's currently available resources that are permitted to be used for this purpose.

Sources

Legislative Services Agency
Iowa Association of School Boards
School Administrators of Iowa

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