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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6385

BILL NUMBER: SB 179

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 9, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Virtual Instruction Course Requirement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a student pursuing a Core 40 high school diploma to complete one virtual instruction course.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would require students who enter Grade 9 beginning with the 2013 school year to have at least one course or credit requirement towards a Core 40 diploma through a virtual instruction course. Schools would be required to offer at least three virtual instruction courses from which the student could choose to enroll.

The school would not be able to charge the student for the virtual instruction courses the school provides.

There were about 84,000 9th graders in the 2011 school year and about 83,700 in the 2010 school year. The 9th graders in the 2013 school year would have four years to take one virtual instruction course.

The impact on the local school would be the difference between the cost of offering the course using teachers at the school and the cost of offering the course virtually. The cost of a virtual class is about \$800 per year, and the average tuition support per student per course is about \$923, assuming a six-period day and tuition support of \$5,541 per student.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education, Florida Virtual Schools,
<http://www.flvs.net/areas/aboutus/Pages/default.aspx>

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