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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6174**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 120

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 5, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 24, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Cursive Writing in School Curriculum.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Leising

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Thompson

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires each school corporation and accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum. It provides that reading is part of the language arts curriculum required in a school corporation's curriculum.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill adds cursive writing to the list of curricular requirements for elementary schools. The bill should not increase school expenditures. In the past, cursive writing was part of the curriculum. Cursive writing instruction might have to replace some other instruction currently done by schools.

(Revised) Clarifying that reading is part of the language arts curriculum required in a school corporation's curriculum should have no fiscal impact.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools; Accredited nonpublic schools.

**Information Sources:**

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