

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 2318</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Proposed Committee Substitute</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Representative Jones</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>4/6/2010</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0 to State; Potential Costs to Districts with Online Programs</b>

**Bill Summary**

Research Analyst: Dawn Marks

The proposed committee substitute to Senate Bill 2318 provides that students enrolled in online courses may take state and district-required tests at alternative locations approved by the State Board of Education.

Alternative locations may include technology center school sites or other locations selected by the school offering the online course. The school offering the course shall be responsible for any costs incurred while providing alternative testing locations. Schools shall provide at least six sites with one in each quadrant of the state and in each of the two metropolitan areas of the state.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Nicole Barnes

SB 2318 provides for the testing of students who are enrolled in a school that is not in the student's district of residency. The Proposed Committee Substitute also makes provisions for alternative testing across the state at sites approved by the State Board of Education, and assigns responsibility for test administration costs to the school offering the online course or program.

**Fiscal Analysis**

There is no impact associated with the measure. Though the online program providers can provide alternative testing sites on their own, the State Board of Education already has a number of sites approved, and these could be utilized. Costs associated with testing in an alternative location will vary from district to district, and will depend on costs at the site, as well as the number of students in the online program.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

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