

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2944</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Committee Substitute</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Representative Jordan</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Bill Summary**

Research Analyst: Dante Giancola

The committee substitute for HB2944 adds language stating that it is the intent of the Legislature that court appearances should not adversely affect the education of students enrolled in school districts in this state.

To the extent possible, court appearances of public school district employees should be scheduled to minimize the disruption of class time. If a school district employee is subpoenaed to appear as a witness in a civil court proceeding, except in a proceeding in which the school district or the state is a party, the school district shall be entitled to a witness fee equal to the amount of the substitute teacher cost, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Nicole Barnes

The Committee Substitute for HB 2944 contains provisions designed to minimize classroom disruptions when school district employees are subpoenaed to appear as witnesses in civil proceedings, and for witness fees to be paid to the school district under certain circumstances.

**Fiscal Analysis**

Though the measure allows for the witness fees to total not more than \$100 per day, total fees will depend on the cost of the substitute teacher and the number of days the witness is called. As funds already exist to pay for witness fees, there is no impact to the state.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

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