

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1803 directs the State Department of Education to use the Imagination Library Revolving Fund to promote and foster the development of the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program. The measure directs the Department to manage the daily operations of the program as well as develop a public awareness program for donors and registering children for the program. The measure authorizes the Department to establish a volunteer advisory committee and to retain up to 10% of the fund for administrative and operating expenses. The Department may submit an annual report to the chairs of the Senate Education Committee and the House of Representatives Common Education Committee on the status of implementing the program. The measure also creates the Imagination Library Revolving Fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

FY'21 Impact: \$1,732,500

Full Impact: \$1,732,500-\$6,930,000

SB 1803 establishes the Imagination Library Revolving Fund to promote and foster the development of the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program. This will be a statewide program encouraging pre-school children to read by providing age-appropriate books to children at their homes from birth to age 5 on a monthly basis.

It says the State Department of Education shall manage the daily operations of the program and provide oversight of the fund. They shall also develop, promote and coordinate a public awareness program to make donors and the public aware of this opportunity.

This bill authorizes the State Department to retain up to 10% of the funds appropriated, gifted, granted, donated or bequested to the Fund for administrative and operating expenses. This bill requires the State Department of Education to manage the daily operations of the program and provide oversight including but not limited to establishing county based programs and coordinate a public awareness program.

To manage the program and to provide the necessary oversight, SDE believes that it will need to hire one director and one administrative assistant at a total estimated cost of \$150,000. Books

are expected to cost \$2.10 per student per month. SDE estimates there are about 275,000 children in the state in this age group and 25% of the families are likely to opt in in the first year. Additionally, there may be some cost to SDE to coordinate a public awareness program but it cannot be determined at this time.

Personnel cost: Director (salary/benefits): \$90,000

Administrative Assistant (salary/benefits): \$60,000

Total projected costs: \$150,000

Cost of books (estimating 25% enrollment in year 1): \$1,732,500

Note: 100% enrollment will cost \$6,930,000