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Senate Bill 1897

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FY'27 Impact:	Savings of \$464,596 to Cost of \$4,683,404
Full Year Impact:	Savings of \$464,596 to Cost of \$4,683,404

**Bill Summary and
Fiscal Analysis:**

SB 1897 directs the State Board of Education to amend its Every Student Succeeds Act consolidated state plan to allow school districts to choose from a list of approved assessments to administer to students in grades nine through twelve. The measure also directs the board to issue request for proposals for additional assessments that comply with ESSA.

SDE created estimates by gauging the impact as if every student in the 11th Grade took the specific alternative exam. Currently, the state expends \$2,928,360 for the ACT assessment contracts for English Language Arts and Mathematics, and \$2,684,236 for the Cognia CCRA assessment for Science and History. Below are alternative assessments, their cost, and potential impact.

- **English Language Arts & Mathematics**
 - **Classic Learning Test (CLT):** Increased impact of \$659,640
 - **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):** Increased impact of \$607,640
 - **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB):** Savings of \$2,928,360
 - **ACT WorkKeys:** Savings of \$744,360
- **Science**
 - **ASVAB:** While this exam is free there is no history component, which raises costs to at least \$2,463,764
 - **Smarter Balanced:** Increased impact of at least \$4,023,764
- **History**
 - **AP U.S. History exam:** Increased impact of at least \$2,463,764

Total impacts may range from a savings of \$464,596 if all districts chose the ASVAB and AP U.S. History exam, to an increased cost of \$4,683,404 if all districts chose the most expensive exam options (CLT, Smarter Balanced, AP U.S. History).

Fiscal Impact submitted by the State Department of Education.

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