

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Local Government

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2004-05	Fiscal Year 2005-06	Fiscal Year 2006-07	Effect on Future Biennia
Total				

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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SUMMARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSES
SB 212/ BDR 34-729

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Comments
Carson City School District			This Bill Draft does not appear to fiscally impact the District. Classes offered in zero period can not be required course of study for graduation. The District will comply with the law, if passed, by re-arranging class schedules for students. Nothing in this bill would prohibit elective courses to start before 8am; therefore; certain courses could start (scheduled) before 8am.
Clark County School District	\$95,062,516	\$17,811,766	See attachment.
Douglas County School District			We do not feel that this bill has a fiscal impact on the Douglas County School District.
Elko County School District	\$1,287,212	\$191,323	\$401,778 effect on future biennia. BDR 34-729 has fiscal impact in one attendance area in Elko County that being the Spring Creek attendance area consisting of Spring Creek Elementary, Middle School, High School and Sage Elementary. The district currently operates 15 buses daily with each school having a staggered start and ending times to facilitate busing throughout the valley. The High School students start classes at 7:15 am daily. If the start times were adjusted 45 minutes to facilitate this BDR, the middle school students would not dismiss until 4:45 pm. This is an unreasonable expectation, taking into consideration after school programs and a.m. childcare responsibilities. The implementation of routes to meet the requirements of this BDR, requires 13 additional buses and additional bus drivers, required to adjust the shifts of the existing route drivers.
Esmeralda County School District			No Impact.
Humboldt County School District			No financial impact but this limits the ability of school boards to provide flexible scheduling to meet needs of students.

Lincoln County School District			At this time, no fiscal impact on Lincoln County School District.
Nye County School District	\$3,737,659	\$3,851,424	\$3,979,191 effect on future biennia. Altering School Times: The first plan would have all schools starting within several minutes of each other with no school beginning earlier than 8 AM. Plan would require the purchase of 25 new busses and \$750,000 in driver and fuel costs. The second plan, which is more in keeping with the spirit of the bill, would stagger starts. This plan, however, would be particularly onerous for our small rural schools, which would require more buses for them. More drivers (if they could be found) and vastly increased fuel costs for double runs. As a case in point, Round Mountain would require 3 additional buses and an increase of fuel costs of \$120,000. Beatty fuel costs would be \$180,000 more and an additional 2 buses required. Other outlying schools would not require additional buses, but would have similarly higher fuel costs from \$79,000 at Tonopah to \$108,000 at Amargosa.
Pershing County School District			No Impact.
Washoe County School District			This proposal would have a potential fiscal impact upon transportation due to the number of the District's students relying upon school bus transportation. More buses would be required. If amended as the District has proposed, there would be minimal fiscal impact.
White Pine County School District			We currently do not have any required courses prior to 8:00 am.

The following school districts did not provide a response: Churchill County, Eureka County, Lander County, Lyon County, Mineral County and Storey County.

**SB 212
BDR 34-729
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL NOTE**

CURRENT SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
High Schools	7:05	1:16
Middle Schools	8:00	2:11
Elementary Schools	9:10	3:21

OPTION 1

Move all starting times forward one hour

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
High Schools	8:00	2:11
Middle Schools	9:00	3:11
Elementary Schools	10:10	4:21

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact anticipated under this option.

Issues: During the winter, elementary school children will be dropped off at bus stops after dark. This late schedule will also affect activities for these children, i.e. soccer, t-ball, basketball, baseball, community classes, etc. This late schedule will also affect teachers ability to take University classes to further their education and improve their teaching skills.

OPTION 2

Keep existing start times but flip flop school categories

Scenario A

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Middle Schools	7:05	1:16
Elementary Schools	8:00	2:11
High Schools	9:10	3:21
Magnet High Schools	8:00	3:21

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact anticipated under this option.

Issue: Middle school children now have the issue that High school children had. This late start for High Schools could also affect their after school extra-curricular activities, for example, getting certain sport completed before dark. There may be added cost of lighting fields so that these activities can be completed. It could also affect after school jobs for many students. High School students are now returning home later than elementary child and may affect baby sitting needs for many families.

Scenario B

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Middle Schools	7:05	1:16
High Schools	8:00	2:11
Elementary Schools	9:10	3:21
Magnet High Schools	8:00	3:21

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact anticipated under this option.

Issue: Middle school children now have the issue that High school children had.

OPTION 3

Start and end High Schools and Middle Schools at the same time

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
High Schools	8:00	2:11
Middle Schools	8:00	2:11
Elementary Schools	9:10	3:21

Fiscal Impact: \$17.46 million for annual operating costs and \$ 77.6 million in one-time capital expenditures

Issue: The high cost of purchasing 440 buses and the ongoing operational costs. The earliest this schedule could be started would be 2006-07 because the 440 additional buses could not be ordered and received in time for the 2005-06 school year.