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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6769**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1137

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2023

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Release to Attend Religious Instruction.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Culp

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a principal to allow a student to attend religious instruction conducted by certain entities following the principal's receipt of written notice from the student's parent.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Provisions in this bill require public schools to assist in coordinating when a student will receive outside religious instruction, if requested by the student's parents. This represents a minor workload increase that is within a public school's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Public schools.

**Information Sources:**

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