## Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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#### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill appropriates money to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the purpose of awarding grants to certain rural school districts. Under the bill, a school district is eligible for a grant if a public school in the school district that operates any grades from kindergarten to six (and no other grades) is located at least five miles from a public high school in the district or in an unincorporated area of the school district and the enrollment of the school district divided by its area in square miles is less than 20. The grant is equal to \$50,000 plus an amount equal to the number of pupils enrolled in that K-6 school multiplied by \$1,000.

A school district receiving a grant under the bill must use it to ensure that the K-6 school continues to operate, to implement an innovative instructional program in the school, or to transform the school into a magnet school.

#### State Fiscal Estimate:

This bill creates a new biennial, GPR appropriation funded at \$50,000,000.

This bill requires the department to promulgate rules to implement and administer the grant program. The cost to promulgate rules for this section is indeterminate and is expected to be absorbed within the department's existing budget.

#### Local Fiscal Estimate:

Each district with eligible schools under the bill is eligible for a \$50,000 grant plus an amount equal to the number of pupils enrolled in that K-6 school multiplied by \$1,000.

Based on 2012-13 data there are 301 school districts that meet the enrollment per square mile criteria in this bill with a total enrollment of 279,184 pupils. However, it is unknown how many K-6 schools in these districts meet the criteria of being at least five miles from a public high school in the school district or in an unincorporated area of the school district. Therefore the amount of grants that would be awarded and overall fiscal impact to local school districts is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This bill creates a new biennial, GPR appropriation funded at \$50,000,000. The long-range fiscal impact is \$50,000,000 in each biennium.