

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 187 - 5**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Education to reimburse education provider for expenses incurred from providing vision screenings.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

School Districts, Education Service Districts (ESD), Department of Education

**Analysis:**

The bill establishes the Vision Health Account and directs the Department of Education (ODE) to reimburse public school districts and preschool programs for any costs associated with vision screenings of students. As amended by the -3 amendment, the bill appropriates \$1 million General Fund (GF) to the ODE for the 2017-19 biennium for the purposes of administering grants for reimbursement of the vision screenings; ODE may retain up to 10% of this amount for administrative expenses incurred as a result of issuing reimbursements to providers. Payments from the Account shall not exceed funds available and individual student reimbursements are capped at \$3.20 per student per year. Permits nonprofit entities to be designated by ODE as a permissible provider that may provide vision screenings and ODE may adopt rules to prioritize provider reimbursements if the total amount available for reimbursement exceeds requested amounts. ODE may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations for deposit into the account.

Costs associated with the adoption of rules are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing ODE budgetary parameters. The administration of the provider reimbursements are anticipated to require one limited-duration Accounting Technician position (0.50 FTE) for an estimated cost of \$81,659 Other Funds in the 2017-19 biennium; based on this estimate, \$918,341 Other Funds will be available for provider reimbursements for vision screenings in the 2017-19 biennium. Reimbursement costs for future biennia will vary based on the amount available in the account.