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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee  
**From:** Education Subcommittee  
**Re:** SB 187 Relating to vision screenings

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**Representative Whisnant:** “SB 187 establishes the Vision Health Account and directs the Department of Education to make reimbursements from the Account to eligible providers for any costs associated with vision screenings of students.

The bill appropriates \$1 million General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium for the purposes of administering vision screening reimbursements; 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. ODE may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations for deposit into the Account.

The administration of the provider reimbursements is 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 2017-19.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 187 be amended by the –5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”