

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 428 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to conduct audit of use of statewide summative assessment in public schools in this state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is submitted to transmit the measure from the House Committee on Education to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

The measure, as amended, would require the Department of Education (ODE) to conduct an audit related to the use of statewide summative assessments in public schools. The audit would be required to satisfy a multitude of analytical criteria, including: financial impacts on statewide summative assessments on school districts and ODE; impacts on school facilities, instructional time, curricula, educators’ professional judgment, and students’ well-being; amounts paid to testing companies to administer the assessments; the minimum number of assessments required under federal law and options allowed under federal law that may have a lower impact; requirements for being excused from taking assessments; and the benefits and challenges of using other nationally recognized assessments. ODE would be required to report its audit findings to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. The measure would be effective on passage and would sunset on December 31, 2020.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Education and School Districts. ODE states that it would need resources totaling \$828,042 of General Fund for: (1) one Education Specialist 2 for 12 months (0.5 FTE); (2) \$64,017 for various Services and Supplies categories; and (3) \$687,500 for contracting with a consultant(s) to review the potential assessments assumed in the amended bill. Until the Request for Proposal (RFP) process is completed, the estimate for the contracting is preliminary.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required