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Bill Number: HB2053 Patron: Reaser

Bill Title: Department of Education; baseline audit of education preparation programs; student

literacy instruction and the identification of students at risk for learning disabilities; report.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education, no later than July 1, 2026, to (i) conduct a baseline audit of each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education for compliance with requirements set forth in relevant law relating to coursework, student mastery, and field experience in student literacy instruction and the identification of students at risk for learning disabilities utilizing a rubric with metrics that analyze the degree to which each such education preparation program has met each such requirement and (ii) submit the results of such audits to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes Items Impacted: 123

Explanation: The Department of Education would need additional one-time funding to support

contractors to complete the audit work required by this bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates that 3 to 5 contractors would be needed at an estimated cost of \$342,000-\$570,000 general fund in FY26.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$342,000- \$570,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$342,000- \$570,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to conduct an audit of education preparation programs offered at all public and private institutions of higher education for compliance. DOE does not currently have staff available to complete such an audit. DOE anticipates that three to five full time contracted employees would be required in order to complete this audit. Assuming a salary of \$114,000 for each contractor, there would be one time cost of \$342,000 to \$570,000 general fund in FY26.

Other: None.