Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2618 **Patron:** Helmer **Bill Title:** Public school buildings; indoor air quality standards.

Bill Summary: Establishes several enumerated requirements for school boards to ensure indoor air quality in each public school building in the local school division, including (i) identifying a designated individual to oversee the establishment of and adherence to a preventive maintenance schedule for the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in each such building and the implementation of the use of general or local exhaust ventilation in areas of each such building where housekeeping and maintenance activities involve the use of equipment or products that could reasonably be expected to result in hazardous chemical or particulate exposures, among other things; (ii) controlling microbial and fungal contamination in each such building by promptly repairing water intrusion that can promote microbial or fungal growth; (iii) ensuring indoor air quality during renovation and remodeling or new construction in various ways; and (iv) keeping school building system maintenance records. The bill also requires the Department of Education to establish and administer a school board employee complaint and resolution process relating to indoor air quality in public school buildings.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 123

Explanation: The Department of Education anticipates that additional funding for contract staff will be

required in order to establish and maintain the complaint and resolution process required

by this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates that \$36,000 general fund per year would be needed to support contracted work.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
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TOTAL	\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000

Fiscal Analysis: This bill places multiple requirements on local school boards to maintain air quality in buildings and to participate in a complaint and resolution process with employees. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish and administer a process for employee complaints for violations of the provisions of this bill. DOE anticipates that a part time contractor would need to be hired to complete this work. DOE estimates a total cost of \$36,000 general fund per year beginning in FY26, which assumes 500 hours of work per year at a rate of \$72/per hour.

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Other: This bill is similar to HB2618.