

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2460 **Patron:** Scott, P.A.
Bill Title: Board of Education; Standards of Learning; incorporation of media literacy and digital citizenship.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Education to consider, during each regularly scheduled revision to the Standards of Learning and any associated curriculum framework, including the Digital Learning integration Standards of Learning, incorporating media literacy and digital citizenship standards, as such terms are defined in the bill, at each grade level.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 117

Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional funding to support creating new program materials and supporting school divisions, as well as support for consultant experts to develop Standards of Learning (SOL). Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education anticipates the need for .25 of an FTE at an estimated cost of \$42,738 general fund per year and \$12,000 to support consultants one time.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$54,738	\$42,738	\$42,738	\$42,738	\$42,738
TOTAL	\$0	\$54,738	\$42,738	\$42,738	\$42,738	\$42,738

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
201 (DOE)	0	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
TOTAL	0	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates that a specialist would be required to create new program materials on media literacy and digital learning for new SOLs and provide support to school divisions on these materials. DOE estimates that .25 of an FTE would be required at a total cost of \$42,738 per year beginning in FY26, including salary, benefits, and support costs, based on a salary of \$85,000 for 1.0 FTE. DOE also anticipates that experts in media literacy and digital citizenship would need to be hired to help develop new standards. This would have an estimated cost of \$12,000 general fund one-time in FY26. This

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assumes six consultants at a cost of \$100 per hour for 20 hours each. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None.