Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1947 **Patron:** Seibold
Bill Title: School-based mental and behavioral health services; DOE to survey local education agencies, report.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education (the Department) to survey each local education agency (LEA) in the Commonwealth to determine (i) how public schools governed by such LEA currently grant access to local departments of social services and community services boards and other community-based providers of mental and behavioral health services and (ii) what school-based mental and behavioral health services are made available by such LEA. The bill requires the Department to utilize the results of and feedback from the survey to inform the continued development and improvement of guidelines for school professionals to support students and families by connecting them with community resources that provide mental and behavioral health services. The bill requires the Department to report to the Commission on Youth by November 1, 2025, any findings and recommendations that result from the survey.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 117
Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional one-time support to implement the survey required in this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one-time cost of $21,600 to implement the survey.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	$0	$21,600	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$21,600**	$0	$0	$0	$0

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates the need for additional wage support to design and administer the survey and complete follow up reporting. DOE estimates a total cost of $21,600 general fund in FY26. This is based on an assumption of 300 hours of work at $72 per hour.

Other: This bill is identical to HB768 as introduced.