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

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Bill Number: HB2765 Patron: Obenshain

Bill Title: Department of Education; statewide anonymous student reporting mobile application.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act or provided from any other source, and alone or in partnership with another state agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, to (i) develop or procure a multiplatform compatible mobile application that permits any public elementary and secondary school student to submit anonymous reports relating to the health or safety of self or others, including threats of violence that are made on social media; (ii) train or contract for the training of individuals to respond to each such anonymous report in a timely and effective manner, including responding to the student and notifying the appropriate school official, local law-enforcement agency, or public safety answering point (PSAP), as that term is defined in relevant law; (iii) train students, parents, PSAP responders, law-enforcement officials, and school officials throughout the Commonwealth on the proper use of such mobile application; and (iv) provide permissible users with access to such mobile application at no cost.

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

Explanation: This bill directs the Department of Education to develop or procure a mobile application

with such funds as may be appropriated, therefore any funding for the application would depend on the amount appropriated. If funded, the Department of Education anticipates the need for additional positions and funding to support the implementation and training

requirements of the bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a need for \$281,904 and two positions to support implementation and ongoing support. Any funding for app development and ongoing subscription are indeterminate and would depend on the amount appropriated.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
201 (DOE)	\$0	At minimum \$281,904				
TOTAL	\$0	indeterminate	indeterminate	indeterminate	indeterminate	indeterminate

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	0	2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	0	2	2	2	2	2

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Fiscal Analysis: This bill directs the Department of Education (DOE) to develop or procure a mobile application with such funds as may be appropriated. Any funding for the application would depend on the amount appropriated. There would likely need to be ongoing funding based on a subscription cost per students.

DOE anticipates the need for additional support to coordinate the technical aspects of assisting local school divisions onto the DOE procured anonymous reporting platform, providing ongoing support in implementation and use, as well as to provide training as required by the bill. DOE estimates a total cost of \$281,904 general fund per year beginning in FY26 including salary and benefits. This assumes \$85,000 for salary, \$45,952 for benefits, and \$10,000 for technology and travel allowances for each position.

Other: This bill is similar to HB2765.