

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2608 **Patron:** Convirs-Fowler
Bill Title: History Education Advisory Board established.

Bill Summary: Establishes the 32-member History Education Advisory Board to advise the Governor, his cabinet members, the Board of Education, and the General Assembly on the current ways in which African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, Indigenous, Women's, and LGBTQ+ history are described in the relevant Standards of Learning and associated curriculum frameworks; how that content is taught in classrooms; and strategies to develop African American history and social studies elective courses, Asian American and Pacific Islander history and social studies elective courses, Latino history and social studies elective courses, Indigenous history and social studies elective courses, Women's history and social studies elective courses, and LGBTQ+ history and social studies elective courses.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 116, 117

Explanation: Additional funding would be required to support expenses related to the Board under the Office of the Secretary of Education. The Department of Education would also require additional funding to support the work of the Board.

Fiscal Summary: It is estimated that \$12,000 general fund would be required per meeting of the Board to support expenses. The Department of Education estimates an additional cost of \$14,100 general fund per year to support the work of the Board.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
185 (SOE)	\$0	\$12,000/mtg	\$12,000/mtg	\$12,000/mtg	\$12,000/mtg	\$12,000/mtg
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$14,100	\$14,100	\$14,100	\$14,100	\$14,100

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would create a new board with 28 non-legislative citizen members and four ex officio members. The bill requires funding for the costs of expenses of the Board members to be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education. Based on current reimbursement rates for travel, food, and lodging, it could cost approximately \$12,000 general fund per meeting to support this Board beginning in FY25. The actual cost per meeting and per fiscal year depends on the number and location of meetings and the expenses incurred by the 32 Board members.

The bill requires that the Office of the Secretary of Education and the Department of Education (DOE) provide staff support to the Board. DOE estimates a cost of \$14,100 general fund per year for wage staff to support the work of the Board.

Other: None