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

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Bill Number: HB1945S1 **Patron:** Reaser School boards; student access to telehealth services; policies.

Bill Summary: Directs each school board to consider, for the purpose of increasing access to health care services for students, developing and implementing policies for permitting any public school student in the school division to schedule and participate in telehealth services and mental health teletherapy services on school property during regular school hours with parental consent. Any school board that implements and develops such policies shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with a nationally recognized schoolbased telehealth provider in accordance with the model memorandum of understanding developed by the Department of Education in accordance with applicable law. The bill requires any such policies developed and implemented by a school board for permitting any public school student in the school division to schedule and participate in telehealth services and mental health teletherapy services to (i) permit any public school student in the school division to schedule and participate in such services on school property during regular school hours on the same basis as such students are permitted to schedule and participate in school counseling services, (ii) require each public elementary and secondary school at which such telehealth services are provided to designate a location in the school for student use for such telehealth appointments and implement measures to ensure the safety and privacy of any student participating in a telehealth appointment, (iii) prohibit any student from being subject to any disciplinary measure or consequence for participating in a telehealth appointment during regular school hours if such student would not be subject to any disciplinary measure or consequence for an absence for the purpose of receiving any health care services in person during regular school hours, and (iv) include such other requirements as the school board deems necessary and appropriate. Any such policies shall be consistent with, but may be more comprehensive than, the parameters set forth in the memorandum of understanding between the school board and the nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider. Finally, the bill requires any school board that develops and implements any such policies to provide guidance relating to the implementation of such policies for administrative and instructional personnel and to post in a publicly accessible location on its website at the beginning of each school year. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. Any impact

to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

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>
None						
TOTAL						

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Fiscal Analysis:	The provisions of this bil	l place requirements o	on local school b	boards, therefore t	here is no
anticipated state	e impact. Any impact to l	ocal school divisions is	indeterminate	. .	

Other: None.