

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1769ER **Patron:** Martinez
Bill Title: Board of Education; School Performance and Support Framework; readiness indicator; chronic absenteeism calculation; certain excused student absences excluded.

Bill Summary: Directs the Chronic Absenteeism Task Force convened by the Department of Education, in consultation with such interested stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to (i) examine chronic student absenteeism and its effects on local school divisions, with a particular focus on the intersection between chronic student absenteeism and the analysis of readiness for the purpose of school accountability under the School Performance and Support Network, and (ii) make recommendations to the Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025, on the feasibility and advisability of amending Board of Education regulations to exclude certain student absences from the calculation of chronic student absenteeism to balance the importance of student attendance with the need for administrative flexibility for local school divisions and flexibility for families based on unique or unforeseen circumstances.

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

Explanation: The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates a need for one time funding for staff work and to convene the Task Force to implement the requirements of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: DOE estimates a one-time cost of \$15,000 general fund in FY26 to support the stakeholder meetings necessary to meet the requirements of this bill.

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	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates costs to convene the Chronic Absenteeism Task Force to develop the recommendations required by this bill. DOE anticipates that three task force meetings would need to be held at an estimated cost of \$5,000 per meeting or \$15,000 general fund in FY26.

Other: None.