

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1663ER **Patron:** Jones
Bill Title: Guidelines, policies, and procedures on the prevention and management of heat illness in student-athletes.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Education to develop, biennially review and update as necessary, and distribute to each local school division guidelines on policies relating to extreme heat safety and protection for student-athletes that inform coaches, student-athletes, and student-athletes' parents of risks associated with and best-practices for ensuring the safety of student-athletes when engaging in outdoor physical activity in times of extreme heat. Requires each school board to develop and update policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection in accordance with the Board's guidelines. Such local policies shall (i) be consistent with any heat guidelines based on Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) levels developed by an organization or entity whose purpose it is to regulate or govern interscholastic athletics programs in the Commonwealth; (ii) include parameters relating to the scheduling of outdoor athletics practices or games during different WBGT levels; (iii) establish a heat-acclimatization and modification procedure for outdoor athletics practices or games consisting of at least five tiers of procedures for outdoor athletics practices or games based on heat or humidity levels; (iv) require each student-athlete to be given unhindered access at all times to hydration and a cooling space, and each student-athlete and each coach to be provided ice at any time there is a WBGT level of 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; (v) include procedures relating to preventing, recognizing, and addressing heat-related illnesses, including dehydration, heat syncope, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke; and (vi) establish a process for reporting and investigating any instance in which a student-athlete experiences a severe heat-related illness requiring emergency medical treatment or resulting in death.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None

Explanation: Any costs related to Board of Education meetings or staff work to complete the requirements of this bill can be absorbed, therefore no budget amendment is necessary.
Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
None						
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education anticipates that existing staff can develop the guidelines required by this bill, therefore no additional funding is needed. Any impact to local school boards is indeterminate.

Other: None.