

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB382

Patron: Bennett-Parker

Bill Title: School board chairmen and vice-chairmen; additional annual salary; amount.

Bill Summary: Permits any school board to pay (i) the chairman of the school board an additional annual salary not exceeding 30 percent of the base annual salary or \$3,500, whichever is greater, and (ii) the vice-chairman of the school board an additional annual salary not exceeding 15 percent of the base annual salary or \$1,750, whichever is greater. Current law caps school board chairmen's additional annual salary at \$2,000 and is silent on additional annual salary amounts for school board vice-chairmen.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact in the current year or the 2026-2028 biennium. Any state impact in future biennia or impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: School divisions' costs for school board members are included in Basic Aid per pupil calculations as part of rebenchmarking the Direct Aid to Public Education budget. Increases in school board member salaries may result in an increase in the prevailing costs that are used in future rebenchmarking and increase state funding. Any additional state cost in outgoing years is indeterminate at this time and would be based on rebenchmarking for future biennia. Local school divisions would have to provide the local share required to match any additional state funds based on each division's local composite index. The actual fiscal impact to local school divisions to match any increased state funding in future biennia is indeterminate at this time.

Additionally, the fiscal impact for localities to provide additional annual salaries to school board members based on the provisions of this bill is indeterminate.

Other: None