

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB563 **Patron:** Sturtevant
Bill Title: Parents of public elementary and secondary school children; fundamental right to opt children out of certain educational content.

Bill Summary: Provides that parents of public elementary and secondary school children have the fundamental right to opt their children out, without penalty, of any instruction, reading, discussion, presentation, including any audio-visual presentation, school assembly, or activity that includes any gender identity, sexual orientation, transgenderism, or drag show theme or content, and the elementary or secondary school shall make reasonable accommodations during such opt-out period. The bill also permits any public secondary school student who is 18 years of age or older to, by request of such student, opt-out, without penalty, of any such instruction, reading discussion, presentation, including any audio-visual presentation, school assembly, or activity, and requires the secondary school to make reasonable accommodations during such opt-out period.

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:

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Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this bill relate to parents of public school children and public secondary school students who are 18 years of age or older and place requirements on local school divisions. Therefore, there is no anticipated state fiscal impact. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: Similar to HB721.