

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB461

**Patron:** Cohen

**Bill Title:** Special education; certain educational settings; student age range restrictions.

**Bill Summary:** Establishes a maximum age range of three years for children with disabilities in grades kindergarten through six in nongeneral educational settings and prohibits any student with a disability in grades kindergarten through six from being placed in any educational setting in which the maximum age range exceeds three years unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team determines that an exception is appropriate and justifies such exception in the student's IEP.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact under Direct Aid to Education resulting from this bill. Any impact to local school divisions to maintain the age ranges required in the bill is indeterminate.

**Other:** None