

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
201 (DOE)	0	6	6	6	6	6
TOTAL	0	6	6	6	6	6

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State Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Analysis: This bill establishes several requirements for private schools that enroll students whose tuition is paid by public tuition assistance vehicles, as defined by the bill. The Department of Education (DOE) would have new responsibilities related to reporting, compliance, and technical assistance for the new requirements for participating private schools.

This bill establishes several new responsibilities for DOE to monitor or receive data from participating private schools and expands existing functions to include participating private schools and teachers at private schools. DOE would be required to facilitate the offering of Standards of Learnings assessments at participating private schools and publish results of those assessments; provide an accountability rating for each participating private school; ensure teachers at participating private schools are licensed; accept additional reports from participating private schools including enrollment, student demographics, academic results, graduation and dropout data, teacher licensure status, disciplinary incidents, and financial information; and provide technical assistance and model policies to participating private schools. DOE would also have new authority to conduct audits and investigations to ensure compliance. In order to meet these requirements DOE anticipates that six additional positions would be required, including a program manager, finance specialist, data specialist, auditor/accountability specialist, private school specialist, and a licensing specialist. DOE estimates a cost of \$905,861 general fund per year beginning in FY27 including salary, benefits, and technology to support these positions.

DOE also anticipates both one-time and recurring costs to support systems upgrades to integrate participating private schools. This includes updates to assessment system software, data integration, accountability dashboards, training modules, and IT infrastructure upgrades. DOE anticipates costs in the first year of \$2.1 million to \$3.6 million general fund in FY27. Ongoing costs are indeterminate and would depend on implementation and the number of participating private schools.

Other: None