

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB264

**Patron:** Stanley

**Bill Title:** Department of Education; individualized education programs; social skills development.

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Department of Education to establish guidelines for individualized education program (IEP) teams to indicate whether a child has a disability that affects social skills development and whether the child is vulnerable to bullying, harassment, or teasing. The bill directs the Department to promulgate regulations requiring local school boards to develop and implement neurodivergence and autism awareness student education programs.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**Items Impacted:** 118

**Explanation:** The Department of Education would require additional one time funding to support the work to draft required guidelines and materials. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

**Fiscal Summary:** The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of \$100,000 general fund in FY27 to support contractual assistance.

**General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>FY2030</b>	<b>FY2031</b>
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:** This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop guidelines for IEP teams to utilize when developing IEPs to indicate whether the child has a disability that affects social skills development and is vulnerable to bullying. The bill directs DOE to promulgate regulations related to social skills development. DOE does not currently have staff available to support this work and would require funding to support contractual assistant for drafting of required guidelines and technical assistance materials to support IEP teams with workgroups and stakeholder sessions. DOE estimates a one time cost of \$100,000 general fund in FY27 to support this work.

**Other:** None