

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

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1446 **Patron:** Sewell
Bill Title: School nurses; sickle cell disease training.

Bill Summary: Directs local school divisions to require school nurses to complete, within six months of employment and at least every three years thereafter, an online or in-person course of instruction approved by the Board in collaboration with the Department of Health regarding recognition and management of sickle cell disease.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 117

Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional one time funding to support the training requirements in the bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of \$60,000 general fund in FY27 to complete the work required by the bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education (DOE) does not currently have staff available to complete the requirements of this bill. DOE anticipates the need for additional support to consult with a subject matter expert and to provide technical assistance to local school boards and support the development of evidence-based training tailored for Licensed professional school nurses. DOE estimates a total cost of \$60,000 general fund one time in FY27.

Other: None