

**Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1367 **Patron:** Reaser
Bill Title: Department of Education; English language learner students; expenditures; data collection; report.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education, in consultation with each school board, to annually collect, maintain, post publicly and conspicuously on its website, and report no later than November 1 to the Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly data on expenditures for the education of English language learner students in each local school division. The bill requires such data to be disaggregated by school level, grade level, and student English proficiency level and such annual report to contain recommendations for any increase in funding pursuant to the general appropriation act or amendment to the relevant portion of Standard of Quality 2, or both, that may be necessary to ensure that the actual cost of educating English language learner students is accurately reflected in the Standards of Quality funding formula.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 121

Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional funding to support contract work to meet the requirements of the bill. Any impact to local school divisions to update data collection and reporting systems and track expenditures at this detail is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: This fiscal impact statement was revised to incorporate additional feedback received from the Department of Education.

The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of \$28,000 general fund to support contract work to update the Annual School Report data collection.

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 | \$28,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$0 | \$28,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education (DOE) would have to update the Annual School Report used to collect data from local school divisions in order to meet the requirements of the bill. DOE does not currently have staff available to complete this work and would require additional funding to support contract staff to make the changes. DOE estimates a one time cost of \$28,000 general fund in FY27 to complete this work.

Local school divisions would also have to update data collection and reporting systems in order to report this data to DOE. DOE anticipates that there could be a significant local cost to collect and report this expenditure data at the level required by the bill. Any actual impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None