Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB39E **Patron:** Favola
Bill Title: Public schools; best practice of tech. tools to assist w/identifying students at risk of self-harm.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Education to convene a work group consisting of representatives set forth in the bill, as determined by the Department in consultation with and based on consideration of suggestions from statewide education organizations and appropriate technology industries, for the purpose of identifying and making recommendations to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Education on best practices for the procurement, implementation, and use in public schools of technology tools designed to assist with the identification of students at risk of engaging in self-harm or intending to inflict harm on others.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 123
Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional one time funding in order to support the work required by this bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of $40,000 general fund in FY27 to support the work group required by the bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
201 (DOE)	$0	$40,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$40,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to convene a work group with various stakeholders and develop recommendations related to the use of technology tools to assist with the identification of students at risk of engaging in self-harm or intending to inflict harm on others. DOE does not currently have staffing time or expertise to support the work group and develop the required recommendations. DOE estimates that $40,000 general fund would be required in FY27 to support the work group and contractual staff to support the work.

Other: None