

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB461

**Patron:** Cohen

**Bill Title:** Special education; certain educational settings; student age range restrictions.

**Bill Summary:** Provides that no student with a disability in grades kindergarten through six shall be regularly placed in any educational setting, including any nongeneral educational setting, in which the maximum age range exceeds four years unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team determines that an exception is appropriate and justifies such exception in the student's IEP. The bill has delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact under Direct Aid to Education resulting from this bill. Any impact to local school divisions to maintain the age ranges required in the bill is indeterminate.

**Other:** None