

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

Position 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	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	0	1	1	1	1	1

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires local school divisions to develop and implement language access plans to ensure meaningful communication and information accessibility for parents with limited English proficiency.

The bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop and make available for school divisions model policies related to these plans and to provide technical assistance for implementation. The bill also requires DOE to designate a staff member to provide direct technical assistance for local school divisions including responsibilities such as providing guidance and consultation; responding to inquiries on compliance; developing model tools, templates and best practices; and coordinating efforts with existing DOE initiatives. DOE does not currently have staff available to support the initial implementation or ongoing work to support school divisions with language access plans and would require an additional position. DOE estimates a total cost of \$154,101 general fund per year beginning in FY27 including salary, benefits and technology to support this work.

Any impact to local school divisions to implement the language access plans as required by this bill is indeterminate.

Other: This bill is similar to HB1278.