Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1503H1 **Patron:** Hayes
Bill Title: High school athletic coaches; sickle cell trait guidance and resources.

Bill Summary: Directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a Superintendent's memo that contains guidance and resources for public high school athletic coaches on (i) sickle cell trait and who it affects, (ii) the risk factors for public high school student-athletes with sickle cell trait during athletic activity, (iii) the warning signs of complications from sickle cell trait, (iv) sickle cell trait emergency response protocols, and (v) the complication prevention strategies for public high school student-athletes with sickle cell trait.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 117
Explanation: The Department of Education anticipates one time costs to develop guidance and resources pursuant to the requirements of this bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of $10,000 general fund in FY27 to create the required guidance and resources.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
201 (DOE)	$0	$10,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$10,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to issue guidance and resources to local school divisions related sickle cell trait. DOE would need to consult with a subject matter expert in order to develop these resources at an estimated cost of $10,000 general fund in FY27.

Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None