Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB685H1 **Patron:** Pekarsky
Bill Title: Standards of Quality; school board policies; communication and language accessibility for limited English proficient parents; requirements; report.

Bill Summary: Requires each school board to develop, implement, and post in a publicly accessible location on its website a language access plan consisting of policies and procedures designed to ensure meaningful communication with and informational accessibility for limited English proficient (LEP) parents, as that term is defined in the bill. The provisions of the bill have a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: The provisions of this bill require local school divisions to develop and implement plans, any impact to local school divisions to meet this requirement is indeterminate.

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.

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

Other: This version is identical to HB1278 as passed the House**.**