Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB462S1 **Patron:** Cohen
Bill Title: Health education Standards of Learning; Board of Education to require literacy instruction in grade nine and 10 in next revision.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Education, during its next regularly scheduled revision of the Health Education Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework, to, in consultation with the School Health Services Committee, develop a health care literacy program of instruction to be required in grades nine and 10 for the purpose of helping students navigate the health care system efficiently and effectively that includes certain enumerated topics and content. Additionally, the bill requires the Board of Education to identify and remove from the Health Education Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework for grades nine and 10 any duplicative or outdated instructional subjects or topics.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: It is anticipated the Department of Education could absorb the impact to update the Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework and remove any duplicative or outdated content. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education anticipates $7,000 in one time costs to work with consultants to develop content within the Health Instructional Guides, develop aligned resources to support instruction, develop guidance to support division implementation of the new standard, and provide professional development to teachers on the new content and implementation of the resources. It is anticipated this cost could be absorbed by the Department during the next regularly scheduled revision of the Health Education Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None