

**Department of Planning and Budget  
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB92S1

**Patron:** Rasoul

**Bill Title:** Equity in public school funding and staffing; special education students; at-risk students.

**Bill Summary:** Establishes in Standard of Quality 2 the At-Risk Program and a state-supported add-on for special education students and requires corresponding formulas for the funding of such initiatives to be established in the general appropriation act.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** 125

**Explanation:** HB/SB30 currently provides funding for the two add-on programs under Direct Aid to Public Education.

**Fiscal Summary:** Since the At-Risk Add-On and the Special Education Add-On are currently funded in HB/SB30, a budget amendment would only be required under Direct Aid to Public Education if there are changes to the formulas or funding currently set forth in HB/SB30. Moving the At-Risk Add-On and the Special Education Add-On programs to the Standards of Quality would require mandatory program participation and local effort (mandatory matching funds) for all school divisions; participation in these programs is currently optional. The actual fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate at this time.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

At-Risk Add-On

The bill moves the At-Risk Add-On program from its existing code section to the Standards of Quality. This change would not impact the state funding provided for the At-Risk Add-On program in the Governor's introduced budget, HB/SB30. Moving the At-Risk Add-On program to the Standards of Quality would make the program mandatory for all local school divisions to participate and provide local effort (mandatory matching funds). Currently the program is optional and multiple school divisions did not participate in fiscal year 2026.

Special Education Add-On

The bill requires that a state-funded add-on shall be provided to support each special education student based on a student weight set forth in the appropriation act based on whether the student is served at a service level I or II. Funding for a Special Education Add-On is provided in HB/SB30. Adding the Special Education Add-On to the Standards of Quality would make the program mandatory for all local school divisions to participate and provide local effort. Currently the program is optional and multiple school divisions did not participate in fiscal year 2026.

**Other:** None.