Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB592ER **Patron:** Simonds
Bill Title: Public schools; wearable panic alarm systems; grant program.

Bill Summary: Permits any school board to provide any school board employee in a public elementary and secondary school building in the local school division with a wearable panic alarm system, defined in the bill as a security system that is capable of being worn on the body of the user and by which the user manually activates a device that sends (i) a signal to the local 9-1-1 public safety answering point that indicates a school security emergency that requires immediate response and assistance from such public safety answering point and (ii) a multisensory schoolwide school security emergency notification, when appropriate.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill is permissive to local school divisions, therefore there is no anticipated state fiscal impact. Any cost to local school divisions for wearable panic alarms is indeterminate.

Other: None