Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB705ER **Patron:** Hayes
Bill Title: Board of Education; Health Standards of Learning; water safety.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Education, during its next regularly scheduled revision of the Health Education Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework, to develop and make available to each school board guidelines for a program of instruction on water safety to be provided as a part of any health education instruction provided to elementary school students that includes instruction on (i) awareness of water conditions, (ii) safe behaviors in and around the water, and (iii) preventing and reducing the risk of drowning and the risk of injury.

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

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
None	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education can absorb any impact to develop guidelines on a program of instruction on water safety. Any impact to local school divisions to provide instruction is indeterminate.

Other: This bill is a companion to SB151.