Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1446ER **Patron:** Sewell
Bill Title: School nurses; sickle cell disease training.

Bill Summary: Directs local school divisions to require school nurses to complete, within six months of employment and at least every three years thereafter, an online or in-person course of instruction approved by the Board in collaboration with the Department of Health regarding recognition and management of sickle cell disease.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 117
Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional one time funding to support the training requirements in the bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of $60,000 general fund in FY27 to complete the work required by the bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
201 (DOE)	$0	$60,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$60,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education (DOE) does not currently have staff available to complete the requirements of this bill. DOE anticipates the need for additional support to consult with a subject matter expert and to provide technical assistance to local school boards and support the development of evidence-based training tailored for Licensed professional school nurses. DOE estimates a total cost of $60,000 general fund one time in FY27.

Other: House amendments to HB/SB30 include funding to support this bill.