Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB450ER **Patron:** Bagby
Bill Title: Department of Education; public school teacher licensure requirements; comprehensive review of alternative licensure pathways; stakeholder work group; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Education (the Department) to convene a stakeholder work group to conduct a comprehensive review of the alternative licensure pathways, as that term is defined in the bill, available to public school teachers in the Commonwealth and make recommendations on improving the quality, efficacy, and outcomes of such alternative licensure pathways. The bill directs the Department to submit to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health (i) by October 1, 2026, an interim report on the findings and preliminary recommendations of the work group and (ii) by October 1, 2027, a final report on the findings and recommendations of the work group.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 122
Explanation: The Department of Education would require additional one-time funding to support the workgroup and review required by the bill.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education estimates a one time cost of $163,200 general fund in FY27 to support the work group and the review and report required by the bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
201 (DOE)	$0	$163,200	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$163,200**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to convene a stakeholder work group and to conduct a comprehensive review and make recommendations on alternative licensure pathways. DOE does not currently have staff capacity to lead this work group and develop recommendations and would require additional contracted staff to support this work. DOE estimates a total cost of $163,200 to support contractor and workgroup meeting costs.

Other: Senate amendments to HB/SB30 include funding to support the impact of this bill.