

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB696

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:**    Tata

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:**    Establishment of recovery high schools; authorization in certain Superintendent's regions.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes any school board that governs a school division located in Superintendent's Region 2, 4, or 7 to establish a recovery high school in the relevant school division as a year-round high school (i) for which enrollment is open to any high school student who resides in the relevant Superintendent's region and is in the early stages of recovery from substance use disorder or dependency and (ii) for the purpose of providing such students with the academic, emotional, and social support necessary to make progress toward earning a high school diploma and reintegrating into a traditional high school setting.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 121

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** If school divisions elect to establish recovery high schools, the Department of Education would have an increase in the technical assistance workload in these regions to assist in setting up these specialty schools. DOE estimates that an additional part time position would be needed at a cost of \$50,000 general fund per year beginning FY 2025.

The regional recovery schools outlined in this bill could have a future state fiscal impact if they are considered division high schools in fall membership for generating Standards of Quality positions. Increases to student support services expenditures could affect the prevailing support positions and non-personal support costs in the Standards of Quality. Any actual impact is indeterminate and would depend on the Direct Aid to Public Education budget as rebenchmarked for future biennia.

Any impact to local school divisions to establish these schools is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education, Local school divisions in Superintendent's regions 2, 4, and 7

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None