

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB181

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

2. **Patron:** Rouse

3. **Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

4. **Title:** Public elementary and secondary schools; cardiac emergency response plans required; grant program.

5. **Summary:** Requires each public elementary or secondary school to develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual who is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds and, in the event that such school has an athletic department or organized athletic program, while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event while on school grounds. The bill requires each such CERP to integrate nationally recognized evidence-based core elements such as those recommended by the American Heart Association guidelines and to integrate certain provisions and guidelines, including those relating to establishing a cardiac emergency response team, activating such team in response to a sudden cardiac event, and integrating the CERP into the local community's emergency medical services response protocols. The bill also requires, with such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act, the Department to establish and administer the CERP Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants, on a competitive basis, to any public elementary or secondary school to assist such school in the development or implementation of its CERP or in the purchase or funding of activities or equipment that further promotes CERP preparedness, giving priority to certain high-need schools.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The additional state cost for the CERP Grant Program cannot be determined, as any state cost is dependent on the amount of funding provided by the General Assembly for such grants. The Department of Education estimates there would be a one-time cost of \$18,000 general fund to support contractors to develop the online grant application platform, which the agency would absorb.

Any impact to local school divisions to develop and implement a CERP plan is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions, Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None