

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 283** HLS 26RS 692

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Teacher's Shield Act		

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Provides relative to incidents of assault and battery on teachers and other school employees

Proposed legislation, cited as the "Teacher's Shield Act," strengthens disciplinary requirements for students who commit assault or battery against school employees and clarifies sick leave usage for injured employees. Requires immediate suspension of a student accused of assault or battery against a school employee and requires the principal to recommend expulsion if the student is found guilty by either a court or school hearing. Requires expulsion for at least two semesters, placement in an alternative educational setting if one is available, participation in an anger management program, and maintenance of related documentation in the student's record. Provides that off-campus incidents are covered only if they are a continuation of a documented altercation that began on school property. Further provides that teachers and school employees may take disciplinary action consistent with school policy and prohibits retaliation against employees for initiating or recommending disciplinary action against a student. Clarifies that sick leave may be used for medical treatment, psychological treatment, and rehabilitation. Further provides that disciplinary actions involving students with exceptionalities shall comply with applicable state and federal protections governing students with disabilities.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Local school systems are anticipated to experience an indeterminable increase in expenditures for costs associated with providing or contracting for required anger management programs. Additional increases may be realized for the cost of substitute personnel if expansion of the criteria concerning the use of sick leave results in an increase in utilization of such sick leave by school employees. Any increase in expenditures will depend on the number of incidents involving assault or battery against school employees and the availability of existing alternative education infrastructure within each school system. To the extent that school systems currently operate alternative education programs and existing disciplinary procedures comply with the provisions of proposed legislation, costs may be absorbed within existing resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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