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Proposed Amd.:

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Subject: School Health Care System		

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Requires BESE to provide for a school health care system in all public schools

The proposed legislation requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop, adopt, and provide for the implementation of a comprehensive school health care system for use in all public elementary and secondary schools. The system is required to incorporate the existing school nurse program components and provide for the creation and maintenance of electronic health reports for each public school student to be accessed only by the student's parents, the school nurse, and authorized medical personnel in accordance with federal guidelines as applicable.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local school system expenditures will increase to implement a comprehensive school health care system and maintain electronic health reports on each public school student. School systems will likely be required to hire additional school nurses.

The average salary for a school nurse is approximately \$45,000. Currently, there are 300 school nurses providing services to public school students. The Department of Education estimates that an additional 300 to 700 nurses may be needed in the school systems. If school systems hired school nurses at the average salary noted above and provided related benefits (additional 30%), the cost would range from \$17,550,000 to \$40,950,000. The legislation does not specify the operations of the system. Therefore, the Legislative Fiscal Office cannot determine the number of additional personnel required to implement the proposed legislation.

According to the Department of Education, two school systems have worked with the Picard Center to test an electronic health records system. The initial cost of the system was approximately \$1.5 million. The estimated statewide expansion cost is approximately \$3 million to \$5 million. However, school systems may choose to implement their own system and the cost estimate may be more or less than noted above.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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