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SCHOOLS EG INCREASE EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 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, certified athletic trainers 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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW					
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase for local school systems to implement a comprehensive school health system and create and maintain electronic health reports on each public school student. Federal funds may be obtained to help offset the upfront implementation costs of electronic health records.

The Office of Public Health provided a cost estimate of \$50,000 per site to implement an electronic health records system. There will be additional costs for maintenance of the systems. There are approximately 1,480 public schools. It may be possible to house an electronic health records system in a central location accessible by several schools. The Legislative Fiscal Office is not able to determine the total number of systems that will be created to project a statewide cost for the school systems. Eligible professionals can receive up to \$63,750 of federal incentive payments over the six years they choose to participate in the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. If school systems use certified EHR technology, have eligible professionals that choose to participate in the incentive program, and have sufficient Medicaid patient volume, the professionals may receive federal incentive payments which may be used to help offset the cost of the electronic records system.

The proposed legislation requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and implement a comprehensive health care system, however, the details on health services provided in the future are not listed in the legislation. The system will incorporate the existing school nurse components. If a comprehensive health care system results in additional health services being provided to students in the schools, federal Medicaid expenditures and local school system expenditures could increase depending on the increased level of services provided.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

If eligible professionals choose to participate in the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program to obtain federal Medicaid funds that may be used to implement an Electronic Health Record system, federal revenues will increase.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}			H. Gordon Monk Legislative Fiscal Officer