

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB431

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Board of Education; COVID-19; test-to-stay guidelines.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health, to (i) recommend options for isolation and quarantine for students and employees at public schools who are exposed to COVID-19 and (ii) develop guidelines for such schools and recommend such guidelines to schools for use as an alternative to quarantine. The bill also provides that all guidelines established pursuant to the bill shall be immediately distributed to local schoolboards and shall reflect the most updated recommendations to limit the amount of time out of the classroom, including options for no quarantine, as recommended for asymptomatic individuals. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. The Department of Education can absorb any costs associated with developing guidelines.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None