

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-229

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL MAPPING DATA GRANT PROGRAM.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>	<b>FY 26 \$</b>
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Potential Cost	87,954	87,954
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Potential Cost	34,219	34,219
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>	<b>FY 26 \$</b>
Various Local Boards of Education	Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) administer a program to give grants to local or regional boards of education for services to provide school mapping data, results in a potential cost to the state of at least \$122,173 in FY 25 and FY 26. The potential cost is contingent upon funding being made

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

available for the grant program.<sup>2</sup>

Depending on the requirements of the program, the complexity of the applications, and the number of applications received, DESPP may need to hire one emergency management program specialist, resulting in a potential cost to DESPP of \$87,954 for salary and other expenses and a potential cost to the Office of the State Comptroller of \$34,219 for fringe benefits in FY 25 and FY 26.

A district that chooses not to participate in the grant program will incur no fiscal impact. A district that chooses to participate will incur a cost to build school mapping data. This cost would be at least partially offset by grant funding it receives from DESPP under the bill's provisions. The net impact to districts will depend on: (1) the per facility cost of building school mapping data; (2) the number of facilities mapped; and (3) the grant funding provided by DESPP.

The typical cost of services to provide school mapping data for one building is approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000. There are 900 to 1,100 eligible school buildings in the state.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to funding being made available for the grant program and employee wage increases.

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<sup>2</sup>The bill does not allocate funds from any source. Historically, DESPP has received funds for similar programs from a variety of sources including appropriations, bond authorizations, and federal funds (including ARPA). If DESPP receives state funding, it is assumed to be a general fund appropriation or bond authorization.