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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 214

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 5, 2024

BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Student Mental Health Resources.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Alexander

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services, to approve and make available student mental health resources for certain schools. The bill requires the governing body of a school corporation or the equivalent authority for a charter school to publish and publicly post the approved student mental health resources.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Family and Social Services Administration, to approve certain mental health resources. These resources will be made available to public schools. The bill's requirements are within the agencies' routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Provisions in the bill require public schools to publish certain mental health resources on the schools' websites and social media platforms. A hard copy of the resources are also required to be published in a location that is visible and accessible to all students. These requirements will increase the workload for public schools, but should be implemented with no additional appropriations.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education; Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Public schools.

Information Sources:

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