

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB211

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Martinez

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:**    Department of Education; audit of education preparation programs at public institutions.

**5. Summary:** Changes from once every seven years to biennially the frequency with which the Department of Education is required to audit each education preparation program for compliance with the requirements set forth in relevant law relating to student coursework and mastery in science-based reading research and evidence-based literacy instruction.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 117.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would increase the frequency at which the Department of Education (DOE) is required to audit education preparation programs at higher education institutions. DOE would require an additional position at an annual cost of \$133,844 including salary, benefits and technology to handle the increased workload. Any impact to higher education institutions to address more frequent audits is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education, public institutions of higher education with an education preparation program

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None