

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB719

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

2. **Patron:** Reaser

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Public high schools; research-based hazing prevention instruction.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to develop Standards of Learning and curriculum guidelines for research-based hazing prevention instruction to be provided as a part of physical or health education instruction provided to students in grade nine or 10 which shall include (i) examples of hazing; (ii) the dangers of hazing; and (iii) school policies and laws relating to hazing. Requires each local school board to provide as a part of physical or health education instruction provided to students in grades nine or 10 research-based hazing and prevention instruction in accordance with the Standard of Learning and curriculum guidelines.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education (DOE) does not currently have staff time to support the work required to revise the Standards of Learning and develop curriculum guidelines. DOE estimates that \$65,000 would be required in one-time general fund support in FY2025 to hire consultants and conduct steering and writing committees. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is identical to SB379S1.