



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-3672/1	Introduction Number	SB-353	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> The use of seclusion and physical restraint on pupils in public schools					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Local: SB 353 requires each school to have at least one covered individual in each school operated by the school district that has been trained in physical restraint. The district will have to pay for the individual to obtain such training as well as any other staff that may use seclusion and restraint. It is unclear if the training could be a "train the trainer" model so the district would only pay once—then everyone else would simply take the training from that district employee who was trained. The cost of training typically depends on the number of persons registered and whether the district has their own trainer(s), which requires a trainer-of-trainers.

SB 353 requires a school's seclusion room to meet certain conditions; someone must be able to maintain constant supervision, the room or area must be free of objects or fixtures that may injure a pupil, be free of locks, and has access to the bathroom, drinking water, meals, and medication. Some schools may have to remodel or alter the space they have been using for a seclusion area in order to comply with such conditions. Costs are indeterminate as they will vary for each school building.

The bill requires a school principal or a designee to notify a pupil's parent within one business day if seclusion or restraint was used with the pupil. Within three business days after the incident, a written report must be prepared. This report will take the principal or the designee's time to compile. He or she will have to consult with other persons that were present during the incident and bring together all the data. Further, on an annual basis, each school will need to submit a report to their local school board or chartering authority that details the number of seclusion and restraint incidents as well as how many pupils were involved in such incidents through that year. It will take staff time to compile this report as well. The specific cost of the principal and staff person's time is indeterminate and will vary by district.

State: There would be no fiscal effect for the Department of Public Instruction.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications