

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 19-5215/1	Introduction Number SB-824	Estimate Type Original
Description school safety plans		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, operators of independent charter schools must meet the requirements related to school safety plans that apply to school boards and governing bodies of private schools.

Specifically, an operator of an independent charter school must do the following:

1. Have in effect a school safety plan that includes components outlined in the bill.
2. Review and approve the school safety plan at least once every three years after the plan goes into effect.
3. Upon the creation and review of the school safety plan, submit blueprints of each charter school building and facility to local law enforcement and to the Office of School Safety (OSS) in the Department of Justice (DOJ).
4. Annually, conduct a drill at each school building regularly occupied by pupils to practice the proper response to a school violence event in accordance with the school safety plan in effect for that school building.
5. File a copy of the school safety plan with the OSS.

This bill also reduces the frequency with which school boards, private schools, and independent charter schools must submit school safety plans to the OSS from annually to at least once every three years and following a modification to the school safety plan.

Finally, under this bill, the OSS must annually review a random sampling of school safety plans and provide feedback to the submitting entity (LRB).

Regarding the potential impact of the bill on independent charter schools (ICS): DPI does not possess information about how many ICS have formal school safety plans in place. As such, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. It is assumed that the creation, review, updating of any such school safety plans, and conducting school safety drills would be absorbed within the current operating budget of the ICS.

State: No impact

This bill has no fiscal impact on DPI because DOJ, specifically the OSS, would bear any fiscal burden at the agency level.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications