# Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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**Introduction Number**: SB-006

**Description**
Requirements for a school board to close a school building to in-person instruction for more than 14 consecutive days during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years and a school board requirement to offer a full-time, in-person option to all pupils.

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**
- [ ] No State Fiscal Effect  
- [ ] Indeterminate  
  - [ ] Increase Existing Appropriations  
  - [ ] Increase Revenues  
  - [ ] Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
    - Yes  
    - No  
  - [ ] Decrease Existing Appropriations  
  - [ ] Decrease Revenues  

**Local:**
- [ ] No Local Government Costs  
- [x] Indeterminate  
  - [ ] Increase Costs  
    - Permissive  
    - Mandatory  
  - [ ] Increase Revenue  
    - Permissive  
    - Mandatory  
  - [ ] Decrease Costs  
    - Permissive  
    - Mandatory  
  - [ ] Decrease Revenue  
    - Permissive  
    - Mandatory  
  5. Types of Local Government Units Affected:
    - [ ] Towns  
    - [ ] Village  
    - [ ] Cities  
    - [ ] Counties  
    - [ ] Others  
    - [ ] School Districts  
    - [ ] WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**
- [ ] GPR  
- [ ] FED  
- [ ] PRO  
- [ ] PRS  
- [ ] SEG  
- [ ] SEGS

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill requires that during the remainder of the 2020-21 school year and during the 2021-22 school year, a school board may not close a school building to in-person instruction or to in-person instruction for period that exceeds 14 consecutive days. To extend a closure, the bill requires a two-thirds vote of the members of the school board. Each extension may not exceed 14 consecutive days.

This bill also requires a school board to offer a full-time, in-person option to all pupils enrolled in the district by no later than 15 days after the date on which the Department of Health Services indicates that COVID-19 vaccinations may be allocated to individuals in phase 1c. of the state’s vaccination prioritization guidelines. A unanimous vote of the school board is required to not offer a full-time, in-person option to some or all pupils enrolled in the school district. Nothing in this bill applies to a virtual charter school.

Under current law school districts under SS 120.11 school boards are required to meet at least once each month at a time and place determined by the school board and may hold special school board meetings. There is no requirement that states that school boards must meet more frequently in order for schools to be closed more than 14 consecutive days. Nor, is there a trigger that would require a full-time in-person option when vaccines for any other contagious disease may be allocated.

**Local: Indeterminate**

Short term planning may have detrimental effects on the ability of the school and its staff to provide consistency in its administrative functions as well as to its students and their families. Additional meetings required of the school board should not result in additional costs to the school district, but the department is not in a position to project fiscal impacts; thus, the local fiscal impact is indeterminate.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**