

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-3853/1	Introduction Number	AB-0591	Estimate Type	Original
Description increasing funding for school-based mental health services grants and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the appropriation for the current law school-based mental health services (SBMHS) grant program by \$102,914,300 in FY24 and FY25. The SBMHS grant was initially created as a competitive grant program, under which school districts applied for grant funds from DPI for purposes of connecting students with needed mental health services, in collaboration with local partners. However, under 2023 Act 19 (the 2023-25 biennial budget), the SBMHS grant program was modified, so that now the department must distribute funds to all school districts and independent charter schools (ICS) on a per-pupil basis. Funding was increased from \$10 million to \$25 million annually, for public schools throughout the state.

State: Increases GPR appropriation by \$102,914,300 in FY23 and FY24 for school-based health services grants.

Local: Increases revenue from state aid. Based on estimates provided by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the SBMHS grant would support payments of approximately \$31 per pupil in all school districts and ICS in the state. That estimate assumed total enrollments of 806,452. Using those same enrollment figures, the proposed increase of \$102,914,300 annually would equate to \$127.61 per pupil; thus, under the bill, per pupil payments are estimated to provide \$158.61 per pupil. The actual per pupil amount would depend on reported enrollments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications