

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 23-2414/1 | Introduction Number | SB-0156 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description supplying anti-choking devices in schools | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires every school board and the governing body of every private school to provide a standard first aid kit for use in cases of emergency.

This bill requires school boards and governing bodies of private schools to make accessible, as part of a first aid kit, an anti-choking device that is registered as a Class I or Class II medical device with the United States Food and Drug Administration. The bill also requires school boards and the governing bodies of private schools to annually provide training on the use of anti-choking devices according to the device manufacturer's instructions.

State: None

Local Indeterminate

An online search showed that a single device costs between \$70-80, while kits consisting of multiple devices run higher. School districts with many school buildings may be able to take advantage of volume discounts, resulting in a lower per unit cost. The cost to schools will depend on the brand selected, the number of devices purchased, ability to take advantage of discount purchasing plans, and the frequency with which the devices are replaced.

The bill specifically calls for annual training on the use of the device according to the device manufacturer's instructions. Schools could have staff watch a video created by the manufacturer (time commitment to view instructional videos and practice technique is unknown). If schools provide staff opportunities to practice using the device, additional devices and/or replacement masks would likely need to be purchased. Lastly, the manufacturers suggest that individuals using these devices obtain training in full CPR and rescue breathing techniques. Districts/schools may already require (certain) staff to learn CPR/rescue breathing techniques. School districts/private schools might be able to add a training on use of the anti-choking devices as part of those trainings (but unknown whether that would add costs to the training).

Ultimately, each school district/school would make the decision about providing training on the use of the anti-choking devices; the method of delivering instruction/practice and the frequency of such training would impact local costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications