## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	SB863		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
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- **3. Committee** Education and Health
- **4. Title** At-risk students; after school programs.
- **5. Summary/Purpose:** Allows local school boards to establish after school programs designed to prevent at-risk youth from engaging in illegal or gang-related activities for students who attend elementary, middle, or high schools. To be eligible to attend one of these programs, a student must be enrolled in a public school in the relevant school division. State and local funds appropriated for educational purposes may be used to support such programs.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.
- 8. Fiscal implications: This legislation provides local school divisions with the option to establish after school programs designed to prevent at-risk youth from engaging in illegal or gang-related activities. The bill provides that both state and local funds appropriated for educational purposes may be used to fund such programs. No additional funds are included to fund this legislation so it is assumed that any costs would be absorbed within current resources. However, it is anticipated that local school divisions will seek funding from the state to support such programs in the future.

At this time, it is not possible to reliably estimate the potential costs of such programs because the number of localities that may participate is unknown. In addition, the legislation does not specify programmatic content so the extent of such programs is unknown. Moreover, if funds spent for this program are charged to codes that are recognized cost categories under the Standards of Quality (SOQ), such expenditures could be captured in SOQ rebenchmarking, resulting in a higher cost to the state.

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local school divisions.
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: No.
- 11. Other comments: None.

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