

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1367S1

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Barker

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:**        **Public schools; students with life-threatening allergies**

**5. Summary:** Requires that no later than January 1, 2010, each local school board develop and implement a policy for the management of public school students with life-threatening food allergies. This policy shall be based on the Department of Education's Special Care Issues Guidelines relating to food allergies and anaphylaxis. Also, school boards are required to ensure all school personnel having direct contact with students receive appropriate training in the causes and prevention of food allergies, the identification of symptoms indicating exposure to allergens, and the proper management of students who have been exposed to specific allergens.

**6. No fiscal impact. Preliminary.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education has already created guidelines to assist school divisions in creating such a policy. Therefore, this legislation should not have a state fiscal impact, but it can result in some administrative costs for school divisions that currently do not have such a policy. However, the Department of Education anticipates such costs can be absorbed within current resources.

The Department of Education offers training regarding food allergies and anaphylaxis to school divisions at conferences for the School Health and Education Partnership and the School Nutrition Association. The School Health and Education Partnership conference has offered at least two training sessions since 2006. The School Nutrition Association plans to offer a session at its March 2009 meeting. Local school divisions can utilize this venue to provide training to staff or choose an alternative route. School divisions may experience some costs associated with staff training. However, it is expected these costs can be absorbed within current resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education and local school divisions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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