

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB823

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| <b>Second House</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled  |

**2. Patron:** Miller

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Public schools; physical activity requirement.

- 5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would require a program of at least 20 minutes of physical activity per day or an average of 100 minutes per week during the regular school year for students in grades kindergarten through five. Currently, the requirement is a program of physical fitness available to all students with a goal of 150 minutes per week on average. The bill would maintain the goal of 150 minutes per week on average for students in grades six through 12. The program may include any combination of physical education classes, extracurricular athletics, or other programs and physical activities deemed appropriate by the local school board. The proposed legislation would add recess to these options. The bill also deletes a requirement for localities to incorporate into its local wellness policy a goal for the implementation of the program, and instead requires localities to implement the program.

The proposed changes would become effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would require school divisions to amend their programs of physical activity in schools. The Standards of Accreditation currently require daily recess in elementary schools which would facilitate meeting the physical activity requirement in the bill at grades K-5. The changes may require some schools to hire additional staff which would lead to an increase in expenditures. However, other school divisions may be in a position to reduce staff due to the inclusion of recess and the lower time requirement.

If expenditures change significantly statewide, there could be a future impact on rebenchmarking costs in the Standards of Quality (SOQ). However, because the bill has a delayed start date of the 2017-2018 school year, there will be no local impact until FY2018. As such, there will not be a potential state fiscal impact until the state rebenchmarks the SOQ using FY2018 expenditures for the 2020-22 biennium.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education, local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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