

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB40

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Samirah

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Public schools; mental health break spaces, regulations.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to amend its regulations to require that each public school create and maintain a mental health break space within the public school building. The bill requires the Board of Education to collaborate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services in the creation of regulations for the mental health break spaces.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education can absorb the cost to create regulations for mental health break spaces in public school buildings and to provide technical support to school divisions. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services can absorb any cost to collaborate with the Board of Education and the Department of Education on these regulations. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education, Department of Education, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, local school divisions

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None