

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1322

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

2. Patron: Whipple

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Guidelines for managing food allergies**

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education (BOE) in cooperation with the Board of Health to establish guidelines for managing and caring for children with food allergies in the public schools. The guidelines must provide a protocol for caring for children with life-threatening food allergies and requirements for accommodating children with special dietary needs and training of school personnel, and incorporate BOE's policies pertaining to the management of food allergies and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service standards for accommodating children with special dietary needs. This bill also requires local school boards to adopt guidelines consistent with BOE by July 1, 2010, and to ensure that all school personnel with direct contact with students are appropriately trained in identifying and managing children who have been exposed to specific food 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, Department of Health and local school divisions and Board of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to SB1367.

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cc: Secretary of Education