

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB716

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Reid

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Certain public school employees; online mental health awareness training required.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Education to adopt and implement policies that require each teacher, school counselor, school athletics team coach, and school activity supervisor to complete an online mental health awareness training. The bill requires the Department of Education to provide such training and permits the Department of Education to contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a community services board, a behavioral health authority, a nonprofit organization, or other certified trainer to provide such training.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 137.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$0	0	N/A
2021	\$35,000	0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates the need for contract assistance to develop the online training module required by this bill at an estimated cost of \$30,000. Additionally, DOE would need to convene stakeholders to ensure that the curriculum is properly vetted, at an estimated cost of \$5,000. DOE anticipates that the agency can absorb any additional costs to meet the provisions of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: DOE notes that school counselors currently are required to complete mental health training for initial licensure and licensure renewal.