

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB619

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

2. Patron: Deeds**3. Committee:** Education and Health**4. Title:** Teacher licensure; mental health first aid.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to amend its regulations related to teacher licensure to require that every person seeking initial licensure complete a Mental Health First Aid training or similar program and every person seeking renewal of a license complete an online module on mental health developed or approved by the Department of Education. The bill requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to develop or approve one or more online modules on mental health by November 30, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 128 of HB/SB 29 and Item 137 of HB/SB 30.

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	\$100,000	0	General
2021	\$153,300	1.0	General
2022	\$153,300	1.0	General
2023	\$153,300	1.0	General
2024	\$153,300	1.0	General
2025	\$153,300	1.0	General
2026	\$153,300	1.0	General

8. Fiscal Implications: This fiscal impact is revised based on additional information from the Department of Education (DOE). DOE estimates a one-time state cost of \$100,000 to develop the online module and ongoing state cost of \$153,300 to support the module and associated training. The November 30, 2020 deadline to develop or approve an online module on mental health requires appropriation in FY 2020.

DOE notes that, to date, the agency has not identified an existing online mental health first aid training module, so the agency anticipates the need to develop this training module. DOE will need contract assistance to develop the content required by this bill at an estimated cost of \$15,000 for three months of work. Additionally, DOE would need to convene stakeholders

to ensure that the curriculum is properly vetted, at an estimated cost of \$5,000. Upon completion of content development, DOE would need to develop the web modules for this training. DOE estimates a state cost of \$80,000 for this development based on recent similar work related to restraint and seclusion training.

DOE also notes ongoing state costs to host and support the training module. DOE estimates a state cost of \$2,500 per month, or \$30,000 per year, in VITA costs to host the module. Additionally, DOE will need one full-time-equivalent position to manage the content, support over 100,000 teachers who will require training, and resolve technical issues on-demand. DOE estimates a state cost of \$120,300 for salary and benefits and an additional \$3,000 in technology support costs for this position.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: DOE notes that mental health first aid training is more rigorous than mental health awareness training and, therefore, requires additional content and support.