

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB5068

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

**2. Patron:** Peake

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Student safety drills and student health screenings; waiver; emergency.

**5. Summary:** Permits any school board to waive any mandatory student safety drill and any mandatory student health screening until such time as the General Assembly reconsiders such waivers during the 2021 regular session of the General Assembly. The bill contains an emergency clause.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill permits any school board to waive any mandatory student safety drill and any mandatory student health screening, including fire drills, tornado drills, lock-down drills, school bus emergency drills, vision screenings, hearing screenings, and scoliosis screenings, until such time as the General Assembly reconsiders such waivers during the 2021 regular session of the General Assembly. Item 144.DD. of HB 5005/SB 5015, 2020 Special Session I, provides \$391,000 general fund each year to pay for a portion of the vision screening of students in kindergarten, grade two or three, and grades seven and ten, pursuant to Chapter 312, 2017 Acts of Assembly. Eligible school divisions may receive the state's share of \$7.00 for each student reported in average daily membership and enrolled in kindergarten, grades three, seven, and ten and who has received such vision screening test. A reduction in the number of vision screenings performed during the 2020-2021 school year could result in an indeterminate state savings under Direct Aid to Public Education in FY 2021.

Local school divisions may experience a savings if student safety drills and health screenings are not performed during the 2020-2021 school year. Any actual fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None