Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	SB806					
	House of Origin	\square	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled
2.	Patron: S	tanley					

- **3.** Committee: Education and Health
- 4. Title: STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program and Fund; created and established.
- **5. Summary:** Establishes the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computing (STEM+C) Competition Team Grant Program to encourage interest in STEM+Crelated subject areas and support STEM+C-related extracurricular team-building activities in public schools in the Commonwealth by providing grants to qualified schools, as defined in the bill, for use in establishing or supporting STEM+ Competition teams. The bill also creates the STEM+C Competition Team Grant Fund for the purpose of providing such grants to qualified schools.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 135.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: The additional state cost for the STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program and Fund cannot be determined, as any cost is dependent on the amount of funding appropriated by the General Assembly for such grants. If funded, the Department of Education would require an additional position to administer the program at a total annual cost of \$126,674, including salary, benefits, and technology.

HB1400/SB800, 2023 General Assembly Session, appropriates \$200,000 per year for STEM Competition Team Grants with a maximum award of \$5,000. If the new program is combined into the existing program, then existing staff could be used.

- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No
- 11. Other Comments: None