

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB215

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

2. Patron: Watts

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: 9th/10th grade students; development of Title IX and sexual harassment prevention training modules.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Education to develop culturally appropriate, age-appropriate, and trauma-informed Title IX and sexual harassment prevention training modules concerning Title IX rights and protections, consent, and sexual harassment prevention and reporting and to make such training modules available to each school board for the education of ninth and tenth grade students. The bill also requires the Department to revise these training modules no later than December 31 of each year to ensure that such training modules comply with applicable state and federal law. The bill also requires each school board to (i) adopt policies to require all students in the ninth and tenth grades to complete the sexual harassment training modules within 45 days of the start of each school year, (ii) allow all such students to opt-out of participation in the completion of such training modules by request of the student's parents if such student is under the age of 18, or by request of the student if such student is 18 years of age or older, and (iii) ensure that all such students are provided information about school counseling services and the supportive measure and formal complaint procedures that are available to them. Finally, the bill requires (a) the Department to develop and make available to each school board such training modules by July 1, 2025; and (b) each school board to adopt policies to implement such training modules by the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 117.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a new training module. DOE estimates that additional one-time support would be needed to hire consultants and subject matter experts at an expected cost of \$20,000 general fund in FY25.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None