## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1093 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Student Bullying and Abusive Behavior.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. DeVon

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill revises the definition of "bullying". The bill requires each public school, including a charter school, to track, monitor, and analyze specified aspects of bullying, and provides that a parent of a student or a student, if the student is an emancipated minor, may submit a grievance to the school for a violation of this requirement. It requires each school corporation and charter school to:

- (1) Document and track all acts of bullying and abusive behaviors for analysis;
- (2) Prepare and implement interventions to deter and prevent bullying and abusive behaviors; and
- (3) Compile, prepare, and submit an annual report beginning July 1, 2027, to the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, and the Legislative Council summarizing the information collected.

It requires the State Board of Education to review the report and provide recommendations to certain schools to reduce the frequency of acts of bullying or abusive behaviors. The bill also allows the Department of Child Services to release unredacted reports to a school's designated liaison under certain circumstances.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Beginning in FY 2028, the bill requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to provide recommendations for certain public schools to reduce the frequency of bullying or abusive behaviors. This is within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

## **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill requires public schools to track and analyze bullying incidents and use that information to implement interventions. The bill also requires public schools to prepare and submit a report regarding incidents of bullying to the Department of Education, SBOE, and the Legislative Council. These requirements constitute additional workload for public schools but are within the routine administrative functions of a governing body and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary staffing and resource levels.

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## **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Board of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Public schools.

**Information Sources:** 

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