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Title: PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH
EDUCATION
Sponsor: GRAY-JACKSON
Requester: Senate Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Administrative Services
Allocation: Student and School Achievement
OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	41.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	30.0						
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	71.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	71.0						
Total	71.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/23

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated to reflect the new committee substitute - minor narrative changes made to the fiscal note.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill seeks to amend existing health education law, AS 14.30.360 Health education curriculum; physical activity guidelines, by specifically adding mental health education to the statute. This bill advocates for students to receive on-going education on mental health by 1) explicitly adding mental health to the list of health topics districts are encouraged to include in their K-12 health education programs, and 2) requiring the State Board of Education and Early Development to provide districts with developmentally appropriate health education standards for instruction in mental health that are developed in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), regional tribal health organizations, and representatives of national and state health organizations.

This fiscal note contains three one-time, multi-year expenses: 1) \$30.0 for \$1.5 stipends for 20 parents and qualified stakeholders for their year long participation in the research and authoring of the standards, 2) \$35.0 contract for a national Mental Health Education expert to facilitate the standards process and professional development materials, and 3) \$6.0 for legal fees to implement the necessary regulation changes.

The department plans to hold the necessary stakeholder engagement meetings with participating educators virtually and to publish and disseminate the new Health Education/Mental Health standards electronically.

Transition language provides the State Board of Education and Early Development two years to develop mental health guidelines. A multi-year appropriation of \$71.0 covering FY2022 and FY2023 would allow the department to expend funding over the two years.