



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 118 of the 129th G.A.

Date: April 13, 2011

Status: As Reported by Senate Education

Sponsor: Sen. Cates

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Specifies that schools' implementation of body mass index screenings are optional

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill makes BMI screenings optional for schools. Under the bill, the Department of Education may experience a minimal savings in administrative costs and time by not having to grant waivers for the current screening requirement.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Under the bill, school districts, brick and mortar community schools, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools may experience a minimal savings in administrative costs and time by not having to request waivers for the current screening requirement.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

S.B. 210 of the 128th General Assembly requires that school districts, brick and mortar community schools, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools screen students enrolled in kindergarten, third, fifth, and ninth grades for body mass index (BMI) and weight status category (underweight, healthy weight, overweight, or obese) prior to the first day of May of each school year. Schools that determine they are unable to conduct the screening are able to submit an affidavit to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) attesting to this fact. ODE is required to grant a waiver to the school upon receipt of an affidavit. Through January 2011, ODE has waived this requirement for approximately 268 school districts, 51 community schools, and 323 chartered nonpublic schools.

The bill retains most of the S.B. 210 provisions related to BMI screenings, except it makes the screenings optional. Schools and ODE may experience a minimal savings in administrative costs and time by not having to request or grant waivers.

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