BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Unknown Impact

Research Analysis

SB 89 creates the "Health Education Act" and requires schools to provide instruction addressing health education subject matter standards by 2023-2024. The State Board of Education is required to adopt health and physical education standards. Health education may be integrated into existing subjects or provided as an addition to existing coursework.

The subject matter standards shall include:

- The domains of physical, emotional, social, and intellectual health.
- The importance of proper nutrition and exercise, and information about mental health, substance abuse, positive relationships, responsible decision making and coping skills for understanding and managing trauma.

Teachers assigned to teach health education as a stand-alone course shall be certified in physical and health education. The SDE can provide a provisional certificate, valid for only two years, to provide an individual the opportunity to obtain certification.

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Fiscal Analysis

SDE anticipates there may be a cost to implement the provisions of this bill but it will vary and therefore difficult to estimate. There may be resources currently available that can be obtained at minimal or no cost.

Districts may incur some costs for professional development for teachers but it may be minimal if incorporated into the existing curriculum and training programs.

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Other Considerations

None.

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