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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1135 creates the Wellness Scholarship Program. It provides scholarships to an eligible private school of choice for students who have health-related concerns when the school district board of education or the school district administration requires vaccination or a vaccine passport as a condition of enrollment and attendance requires the wearing of a mask or other face covering as a condition of attendance. OSDE is unable to estimate the number of students who may become eligible for the scholarship. Estimated cost calculated below is based on FY 22 initial state aid factor of \$3517.12 and grade level weight range of 1.0 to 1.5. Cost will vary with changes in grade level weight. Scholarship per student is projected to range from \$3517 - \$5276, further adjusted by the actual cost of tuition and the allowable administrative fee of 2.5% of the scholarship amount. Additionally, OSDE will incur a cost of approximately \$30,000 for a .5 FTE to implement this provision including processing of applications and payments.

FY'23 Impact: \$30,000.00 plus \$3,517.00-\$5,276.00 per student

Full Year Impact: \$3,517.00-\$5,276.00 per student

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