

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB 1319</b>           |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>ENGR</b>              |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |                          |
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| <b>Date:</b>           | <b>4/3/2024</b>          |
| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>OSDH: \$2,088,607</b> |

**Research Analysis**

Engrossed Senate Bill 1319 establishes the Public School Vision Screening Modernization Revolving Fund to support public schools in acquiring vision screening equipment, data collection, and related services through grants. The measure mandates that electronic eye charts adhere to national standards of care and the latest guidelines for pediatric visual system evaluation. It mandates the State Department of Health to electronically report annually on grant allocations to key governmental figures. The measure permits the utilization of electronic eye charts for school screenings and requires the Department to maintain a cloud-based data system for comprehensive data management and analysis. Moreover, it mandates collaboration between the State Departments of Health and Education to share vision screening outcomes and pertinent data.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 1319 establishes the "Public School Vision Screening Modernization Revolving Fund" for the State Department of Health (OSDH) to provide grants to public schools to obtain vision screening equipment, collect screening data, and obtain related services to fulfill vision screening requirements.

This measure modifies the standard for vision screening to allow an electronic eye chart as a substitute for a printed eye chart. Subject to available funds, OSDH is to maintain a cloud-based data management system to collect students' screening results from each school district. The State Department of Education (OSDE) and OSDH must enter into an interagency agreement to share vision screening results and related information.

Officials from OSDH expect .75 FTE will be needed to fulfill the duties required by this measure, costing Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seven Dollars (\$88,607). As shown below, the bulk of the cost stems from the data management system, an estimated Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). Thus, the total fiscal impact on the state budget to implement and maintain the cloud-based program is anticipated to be Two Million Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seven Dollars (\$2,088,607).

| # of Staff | Position         | FTE         | Average Annual Salary | Estimate Fringe (55%) | Estimate Annual Cost | Estimate Data Cost \$2,000/Fte | Estimate Other (Travel, Supplies, etc) \$500/Fte | Total Estimate Cost          |
|------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
|            | Administrative   |             |                       |                       |                      |                                |  |                              |
| 1          | Programs Officer | 0.25        | \$ 14,225.25          | \$ 7,823.89           | \$ 22,049.14         | \$ 500.00                      | \$ 2,000,000.00                                  | \$2,022,549.14               |
| 1          | Programs Manager | 0.50        | \$ 41,972.92          | \$ 23,085.11          | \$ 65,058.03         | \$ 1,000.00                    |  | \$ 66,058.03                 |
| <b>2</b>   |                  | <b>0.75</b> | <b>\$ 56,198.17</b>   | <b>\$ 30,909.00</b>   | <b>\$ 87,107.17</b>  | <b>\$ 1,500.00</b>             | <b>\$ 2,000,000.00</b>                           | <b><u>\$2,088,607.17</u></b> |

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### **Other Considerations**

None.