

Senate Fiscal Summary

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Senate Bill 1298

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Agency:	SDE
Senate Author:	Bullard
House Author:	
FY'27 Impact:	\$9,308,000
Full Year Impact:	\$9,308,000

Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

SB 1298 directs the State Board of Education to issue a request for proposals to select at least three alternative assessments to administer to students in 9th -12th grades beginning in the 2026-2027 school year

SDE estimated per-student costs (exclusive of potential additional administrative expenses): (1) Classic Learning Test (CLT) - potentially \$3,588,000; (2) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - potentially \$3,536,000; (3) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) - no cost to the State; and (4) ACT WorkKeys - potentially \$2,184,000.

Another potential option for Science would be the purchase of an off-the-shelf assessment from a vendor such as Smarter Balanced, at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,560,000. However, these assessments may not fully align with the OAS.

There does not appear to be a viable alternative assessment for CCRA U.S. History other than the Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History exam. The AP exam is offered on only two national testing dates (one primary and one make-up date) and would cost approximately \$5,148,000.

SDE anticipates a total fiscal impact of \$9,308,000, though cautions these costs may change based upon findings of SDE or the Peer Review process of the U.S. Department of Education.

Fiscal Impact provided by the State Department of Education.