



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2045

PRINTERS NO. 2540

PRIME SPONSOR: Ortitay

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY: House Bill 2045 amends the Public School Code concerning teacher support in the science of reading program. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 2045 amends the Public School Code by adding a new section concerning teacher support in the science of reading program. Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the Department of Education (PDE) must establish a program of professional development and applied practice in the science of reading for school personnel that includes in-class demonstration, modeling and coaching support to improve reading and literacy outcomes.

School districts, intermediate units, charter schools, cyber charter schools and regional charter schools that choose to participate in the program must submit a list of qualified personnel to PDE, based upon the qualifications in the legislation. From these lists PDE will select professional coaches for the program.

The Department may contract with multiple service providers, including school entities and institutions of higher education, to develop and implement the program. Training in the science of reading program will count toward the continuing education requirements of prekindergarten, kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grade teachers.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PDE, House Bill 2045 is in line with new Chapter 49 regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education. The Department estimates the cost of these regulations at \$350,000 annually, based on the annual cost to support training, and the additional salary and benefits costs for a statewide program director. Support for the first two years of this work has been budgeted from federal funds available through the CARES Act. The requirements of HB 2045 would not add anything above these costs.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.