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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6980**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1246**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2025**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Student Support Program.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Shackelford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Comprehensive Student Support Program (CSSP) for the purposes of:

- (1) funding the formation and staffing of school-based and district-level comprehensive student support teams;
- (2) improving staffing ratios for student support personnel;
- (3) supporting the creation, expansion, and work of multidisciplinary school teams to address the school environment, school safety, school improvement, and crisis intervention and emergency preparedness; and
- (4) professional development for student support personnel.

The bill establishes the Comprehensive Student Support Program State Board. It provides that the board administers the program.

The bill establishes the Comprehensive Student Support Program Fund for the purpose of funding the program, and annually appropriates to the fund \$1 M from cigarette tax revenue, registration fees, fines, and penalties deposited in the state General Fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *CSSP Fund:* The bill creates the CSSP Fund and appropriates \$1 M per year to it from the General Fund.

*CSSP Board:* The bill creates the CSSP Board, which has 16 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Education and serve terms of up to two years depending on the date of appointment. Members are entitled to mileage and expenses, but not to a salary per diem. As of June 15, 2022, the current mileage rate is \$0.49 per mile.

The board will be staffed by the Department of Education (DOE). The board is required to fulfill a variety

of advisory and plenary responsibilities in addition to approving or denying applications for matching grants.

To meet the requirements of the bill, DOE may need to hire additional staff. Based on similar positions within the agency, each staff member is estimated to cost between \$85,000 and \$100,000 per year, inclusive of salary and benefits. The additional funds and resources required could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *CSSP Grants:* The bill provides that school corporations and charter schools may apply for grants for the purposes of developing student support programs. Matching funding of 10% of the grant amount must be provided by a grant recipient. Schools that apply for grants will experience additional workload in the application process and those that receive grants will experience workload increases associated with implementing their proposals. These provisions may increase expenditures by public schools, but funds from grants may also offset other expenditures on student well-being. Any increase in expenditures will be at the discretion of school administrators and in accordance with the plans they developed.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Recipients of CSSP grants will experience a revenue increase. [See *Explanation of Local Expenditures.*]

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Public schools.

**Information Sources:**

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