

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	See Below	See Below	See Below

## **Explanation**

The bill modifies or eliminates various requirements related to education, resulting in the fiscal impacts described below.

**Section 1** has no fiscal impact. It exempts school and constituent unit employees from completing a human trafficking refresher training every three years after the initial training. It is assumed any time that would have been spent on the refresher training will be used for other professional development.

**Section 2** delays potential costs incurred by certain school districts. The section delays, until July 1, 2028, the requirement that certain school facilities that produce at least 26 tons per year of source-separated organic materials must separate these materials and recycle them at an organic composting facility. This correspondingly delays, until FY 29, any costs a board of education (BOE) would incur in order to comply with the recycling provision.

**Section 3** exempts, beginning in FY 27, overexposure of an insured member from a BOE's minimum budget requirement (MBR) for

education, allowing for greater future budget flexibility in the event of overexposure.

**Section 4** expands the duties of the Education Mandate Review Advisory Council, which does not have a fiscal impact as the council has the necessary expertise to meet the requirements.

**Section 5** results in potential savings to districts beginning in FY 27 by repealing certain requirements including: (1) a voluntary family history questionnaire regarding the risk of reading proficiency challenges; (2) implementation of mental health plans for student athletes; and (3) reporting the usage of websites, online services or mobile applications without a contract.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.