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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Fields Rep. Michaelson Jenet	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **EXCUSED ABSENCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill requires that local boards of education update attendance policies to include mental health issues as acceptable excuses for student absences from school.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, locally elected boards of education must have a written attendance policy for excusing a student for an extended or temporary absence from public school. This bill requires that the attendance policy must allow excuses for an absence to include behavioral health disorders or concerns.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Updating attendance policies to conform with the bill's requirement is not anticipated to change the revenue, expenditures, or workload of school districts. Under current law, attendance policies must provide for excused absences due to physical, mental, or emotional disability. This bill's requirement to ensure that policies allow for excused absence due to behavioral health disorders is not anticipated to significantly change district policies or practice, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and it took effect on March 23, 2020

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts

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