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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Froelich Sen. Simpson; Fields	Bill Status:	House Education
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Bill Topic: ACCESS TO MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District

The bill requires an administrative unit to allow reasonable accommodations for medically necessary services in a school setting to a student who has a medical diagnosis and presents an accompanying prescription. Starting in FY 2022-23, the bill will increase school district workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires an administrative unit, including school districts, boards of cooperative services, multi-district administrative units, or the state charter school institute, to allow reasonable accommodations for medically necessary services in a school setting to a student who has a medical diagnosis, and presents an accompanying prescription from a qualified health care professional. Upon receipt of a prescription, the administrative unit must form a collaborative care team within 30 days to determine reasonable accommodations for the student. The administrative unit may use onsite specialists but cannot prohibit the use of an outside functional health care specialist from providing the services during school hours.

School District

Starting in FY 2022-23, the bill will increase workload to school districts to convene a collaborative care team, to determine what reasonable accommodations are necessary, and to monitor accommodations. Depending on the usage, additional FTE may be required by school districts; however, because it is unknown how often students will request accommodations, an exact impact cannot be determined.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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