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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Zenzinger; Kirkmeyer Rep. Titone	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: RECOMMEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR TURNAROUND PLAN

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill adds permissive authority for the state review panel to recommend additional reforms for low performing schools. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, whenever a public school is accredited with a turnaround plan and fails to make substantial improvement, or has been on performance watch for five years, the Commissioner of Education is required to assign the State Review Panel (SRP) to evaluate the performance and recommend one or more specified actions, such as converting the school into an innovation school or closing the school. This bill allows the review panel to recommend converting the school into a community school.

Background

Under current law, a community school implements:

- an annual community and school needs assessment that engages at least 75 percent of families, students, and educators in the community;
- a strategic plan that includes teams dedicated to continuous school improvement, and uses available assets to meet specific student needs and achieve better results;
- a process to engage partners who bring expertise to implement the school's goals; and
- a school coordinator to assemble relevant stakeholders to solve problems identified by the needs assessment.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Permitting the SRP to include additional recommendations does not change the school accountability or improvement planning process, and does not bind the SBE to choose any given reform for a low performing school. The bill does not directly impact the revenue, expenditures, or workload of any state agency, local government, or school district. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022, and takes effect August 9, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education School Districts