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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **ORAL HEALTH SCREENING IN SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates the Oral Health Screening in Schools Pilot Program in the Department of Public Health and Environment. It increases state expenditures and school district workload from FY 2024-25 to FY 2026-27.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$194,558 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-142**

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
Revenue		-	-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$194,558	\$185,788	\$60,536
	Centrally Appropriated	\$19,116	\$19,116	\$13,663
	Total Expenditures	\$213,674	\$204,904	\$74,199
	Total FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	0.7 FTE
Transfers		-	-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$29,184	\$27,868	\$9,080

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Oral Health Screening in Public Schools Pilot Program in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to provide grants to local education providers to conduct oral health screenings of children in kindergarten to second grade.

The bill requires the CDPHE to select five to eight local education providers and provide grant awards of up to \$20,000 each per year for two years through the program. The bill sets criteria for the selection of local education providers, the oral health screening process, the requirements of screeners and local education providers conducting oral health screenings, and the reporting requirements for local education providers and the CDPHE. The CDPHE must work with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to identify a process for reimbursing oral health screening provided to students covered by Medicaid.

The department must report on the program to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027. The pilot program repeals July 1, 2028.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CDPHE by \$135,000 in FY 2024-25, \$125,000 in FY 2025-26, and \$74,000 in FY 2026-27, paid from the General Fund. Workload will also minimally increase for the Department of Education and Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 24-142**

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
Dept. of Public Health and Environment			
Personal Services	\$80,908	\$80,908	\$59,640
Operating Expenses	\$1,280	\$1,280	\$896
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,670	-	-
Grant Awards	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
Printing	\$3,600	\$3,600	-
Translation	\$2,100	-	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$19,116	\$19,116	\$13,663
Total Cost	\$213,674	\$204,904	\$74,199
Total FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	0.7 FTE

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Department of Public Health and Environment. The CDPHE requires staff and grant funding to provide local education providers, and will have supply and translation service costs for the pilot program.

- **Staff.** The CDPHE requires 1.0 FTE to develop program rules and select screening tools; to provide program oversight and technical assistance to participants; to collaborate with the Department of Education to select program participants; to collect, manage, and analyze data; to prepare final reports; and to coordinate screenings, and ensure necessary supplies are distributed. About half this staff is for administration of the grant program and half is for data collection, analysis, and pilot program evaluation. Staff costs are required through the end of the program in February 1, 2027.
- **Grant awards.** In FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, the CDPHE requires \$100,000 in grant funding to distribute to program participants. The fiscal note assumes 8 local education providers of varying sizes will be selected each year to participate in the program and each will receive an average grant of \$12,500 to perform screenings at their sites. Grant awards will vary by school district size, up to the \$20,000 cap.

The grant award will cover costs for a licensed professional to conduct screenings at schools. For informational purposes, it is expected to cost grant recipients \$430 per day for a professional to screen about 100 children per day. additional costs will be incurred to facilitate the screening process, provide on-site support, and handle referrals and follow up support.

- **Translation and printing of forms.** In FY 2024-25 only, the CDPHE requires \$2,100 for the translation of consent, screening, and referral forms in at least 10 languages, with each form being one page in length and an average translation cost of \$70 per page. Printing costs will be about \$3,600 per year. It is assumed to be more cost effective for CDPHE to provide this document support, rather than for individual local education providers to use their grant awards for this purpose.

Department of Education. Workload will minimally increase to collaborate with the CDPHE and provide any necessary data in the selection of program participants. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Workload will minimally increase to work with the CDPHE to identify a reimbursement process for oral health screenings provide to students covered by Medicaid. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

School Districts

Workload and costs will increase for local education providers that choose to participate in or apply for the pilot program.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$194,558 to the Department of Public Health and Environment, and 1.0 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Early Childhood	Education	Health Care Policy and Financing
Information Technology	Law	Public Health and Environment
Regulatory Agencies	School Districts	

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