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Primary Sponsor: Rep. M. Miller

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill increases the Department of Education and Workforce's (DEW) workload and may minimally increase its administrative costs by requiring the Department to develop a list of instructional materials on human growth and development and to conduct an annual compliance audit of districts and schools.
- School districts and other public schools may incur minimal costs to update their current curricula to provide the instruction required by the bill and participate in DEW's audit.

Detailed Analysis

Instruction on human growth and development

The bill requires, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, school districts and other public schools to include instruction on human growth and development in their curricula for students in grades 5-12. The curriculum must include, at a minimum, both (1) a high-definition ultrasound video, at least three minutes long, that shows the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development, and (2) the "Meet Baby Olivia" video developed by Live Action, or its successor entity, or a similar video that shows the process of fertilization and each stage of human development inside the uterus, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development for every stage of pregnancy until birth. The bill requires a student to be excused from human growth and development instruction upon written request of the student's parent or guardian. The bill also requires the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) to establish and publish a list of appropriate instructional materials on the subject. Finally, the bill requires DEW to conduct and publish the results of an audit of each district and school to verify compliance with the bill's instructional requirements.

Fiscal effects

Districts and schools may incur minimal costs to implement instruction on human growth and development into existing curriculum and lesson plans. The two required videos are available online at no cost. Beyond these two videos, any other materials that districts or schools choose to use could increase expenditures, depending on the materials, availability, and cost.

As described above, the bill requires DEW to develop a list of instructional materials that districts and schools may use to meet the bill's curriculum requirements. This provision will increase DEW's workload and may minimally increase its administrative costs. In general, the process may involve researching and reviewing instructional materials, gathering and incorporating public feedback, and finalizing the list. These activities may be funded from GRF line item 200427, Academic Standards. That line item is the primary funding source for the development and dissemination of state academic content standards and model curricula. Appropriations to the line item total \$5.5 million in FY 2026 and \$5.4 million in FY 2027.

DEW may also incur minimal administrative costs associated with the bill's requirement to conduct an annual compliance audit of the implementation of the curriculum. Typically, DEW conducts compliance audits via an online survey to districts and schools. DEW may leverage its OHID online portal to conduct the survey, similar to how it carries out an audit required under continuing law regarding sexually transmitted infection education instruction.