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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: Review School Safety Plans SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SJM 59, Study School Emergency Notification Systems

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
 State Department of Education (SDE)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 66 requests that the State Board of Education (SBE) and the state Department of Education (SDE) review school safety plans to assess the ability of plans to ensure the safety of school employees and the students during school hours and times other than normal school hours; and that the Legislative Education Study Committee review school safety plans during the next legislative interim.

Significant Issues

The SDE reports that all schools have developed safe school plans as required by the SBE's safe school accountability indicator and that all plans have been reviewed by the SDE and safety experts. Further, the SDE states, all schools are required to review their plans annually and submit changes to the SDE. SDE and DOH are currently working collaboratively to prepare emergency response/preparedness guidelines to schools in the event of an emergency situation

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SDE can conduct the study with existing staff

ALTERNATIVES

The DOH suggests that, instead of SDE reviewing 750 plans annually, a certification could be required from each school that it has reviewed its plan on a given date and indicate whether any modifications were deemed necessary. The DOH also suggests that in addition to the existence of school safety plans, training of staff and period drills utilizing the plan become a part of the process.

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