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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS – 2026 SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/26/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB123 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 123 (SB-123) appropriates \$1.2 million from the general fund to the Public Education Department to provide grants to public schools for the purchase, installation, testing, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Funding is available across fiscal years 2027 through 2029, with an annual expenditure cap of \$400,000. In fiscal year 2027, grants are limited to public schools located outside U.S. Census–designated urban areas. Eligible schools must meet existing statutory requirements under Section 22-33-6 NMSA 1978. Any unexpended funds at the end of fiscal year 2029 revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues to DPS.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

From the Department of Public Safety’s perspective, SB 123 is a smart, preventative public safety investment that directly saves lives by ensuring automated external defibrillators are available in schools, where sudden cardiac arrest can occur and emergency response times—especially in rural areas—are often longer. By prioritizing non-urban schools, the bill strategically addresses known gaps in emergency medical access and allows DPS officers, who are frequently among the first responders on scene, to provide immediate, life-saving intervention using equipment designed for use by non-medical personnel. This modest, time-limited appropriation strengthens emergency preparedness in high-occupancy public spaces, reduces preventable deaths, and lowers long-term public safety and emergency response costs, all while maintaining clear accountability by limiting funds strictly to the purchase, installation, testing, and maintenance of AEDs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications to DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.