



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 278

Committee: Ways and Means Education

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Senate Bill 278 as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means Education would establish the Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Program to provide injury compensation benefits to full-time public K-12 education employees in the state beginning no later than October 1, 2025.

Additionally, this bill would create the five-member Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Board to administer the program and oversee the benefits paid to injured employees. Members of the board shall receive no compensation but would be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses paid from the fund at the same rate as state employees.

Further, this bill would establish the non-reverting Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Trust Fund in the State Treasury to fund the program.

Based on information provided by privately contracted workers' compensation consultants, the cost of this program to provide coverage for full-time public K-12 employees would be an estimated minimum of \$14.9 million.