



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 34

Committee: Education Policy

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Senate Bill 34 as passed the Senate, would, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, require students entering middle school, to complete a course in violence prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation before promotion to high school. This would increase the obligations of the State Department of Education by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost to: (1) prepare and make available to local boards of education instructional materials, models, and curricula as guidelines for the development of a violence prevention conflict resolution and meditation course or program; and (2) assist in training teachers, to provide effective instruction in violence prevention, conflict resolution and meditation.

Additionally, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of: (1) the local boards of education to determine the appropriate curriculum to satisfy the requirements of this bill; and (2) the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill.