



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 78

Committee: Education Policy

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House Bill 78 as introduced would increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Early Childhood Education (ADECE) to: (1) develop guidelines for screen time use for children 5 years old and younger, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources (DHR), and the State Board of Education (SBOE); (2) make the guidelines publicly available to parents and guardians; (3) develop training related to the appropriate use of screen time in early childhood education programs; and (4) ensure compliance with the provisions of this bill.

Additionally, it would increase the administrative obligations of DHR and SBOE to adopt rules to implement and administer the provisions of this bill, and the local boards of education to adopt screen time policies.