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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: EDUCATOR TRAINING TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN CRISIS

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that local boards of education provide training for all newly hired district educators and periodically for other district educators to explain the district procedures for assisting students who are identified as experiencing emotional distress or are otherwise in crisis and may need referral for behavioral health services.

School District Impact

This bill requires school districts to provide information to their professional educators concerning the district's procedures and policies related to assisting students in emotional distress, or who might require behavioral health services. Schools and districts routinely provide information and policy updates to returning staff as part of each school year's orientation, and to new staff via the school district's induction program for new teachers. As such, providing information to staff on district policies is not anticipated to require significant increases in expenditure or workload.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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