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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3050 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Statewide Mandatory School Dress Code
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Powell
Impact Date: February 8, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	See Below	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The State Department of Education (Department) indicates that the cost of establishing and monitoring the program can be managed within its existing appropriations. The provision requiring the Department to assist students eligible for the free or reduced lunch program in obtaining at least five sets of uniforms, if fully funded, is estimated to have a recurring General Fund cost between \$35,919,375 and \$119,731,250 per year fiscal year. However, the implementation of this provision is contingent on funding.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill would require the Department to establish and enforce a statewide mandatory dress code program. It would require school uniforms to be worn by all public school students while on campus or on field trips. The Department is required to promulgate rules and regulations governing the program that provide a standard, statewide color scheme and a variety of seasonal clothing options. Discretion must be allowed for the principals of individual schools to choose a color scheme based on school colors. The Department indicates that the cost of establishing and monitoring the program can be managed within its existing appropriations.

The uniforms must be available at an affordable price for the average family. Contingent on the availability of funding, a program must be established to assist students eligible for free or reduced school lunches in obtaining at least five sets of school uniforms for each season. The Department estimates the cost per uniform, excluding accessories or shoes, to be between \$15

and \$50. Currently, there are 478,925 students that qualify for free or reduced lunches. The cost to provide five uniforms to each qualifying student would range from \$35,919,375 to \$119,731,250.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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