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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3420	Amended by the House of Representatives on January 31, 2019
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Subject:	Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Wren, Griffith, and Mitchell	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) or the State Department of Education (SDE) since any expenses resulting from the requirements of the bill can be managed within the agencies' current appropriations. Also, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) since the bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted within the normal course of agency business.

The expenditure impact on local school districts is undetermined since some school districts will need to post signs regarding the prohibited use of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. The number of signs and expenses will vary by school district.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires retailers of tobacco products to post a sign that displays a toll free number for assistance to callers in quitting smoking. The toll free number must be determined by DHEC. Also, this bill includes vaping products in the definition of an alternative nicotine product. Additionally, this bill requires local school districts to collaborate with DHEC, DAODAS, and SDE to implement a written policy prohibiting the use of any tobacco product or alternative nicotine product in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or operated by the local school administrative unit.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The agency indicates that if it is required to produce the signage, the expenses can be managed within its existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

State Department of Education. SDE indicates that any expenses associated with the implementation of a written policy prohibiting the use of tobacco and alternative nicotine products in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, and in or on any other school property can be managed within current appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on SDE.

Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. DAODAS indicates that this bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires local school districts to collaborate with DHEC, DAODAS, and SDE to implement a written policy prohibiting the use of any tobacco product or alternative nicotine product in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or operated by the local school administrative unit.

SDE indicates that this bill will increase expenses of school districts by an undetermined amount in FY 2019-20 since school districts will need to post signs regarding the prohibited use of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products. The number of signs and expenses will vary by school district.

Further, data from DHEC's Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control indicates that fifty-one school districts in the state have adopted a 100 percent comprehensive tobacco-free policy. This policy prohibits the use of tobacco on school property at all times by all people, offers education on tobacco prevention, provides referrals to cessation programs, prohibits advertising and sponsorship of the tobacco industry, prohibits the use of alternative nicotine products, and includes procedures for the enforcement of the policy.

Local Revenue

N/A



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