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Bill Number:	H. 3589	Introduced on January 12, 2021
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Subject:	Schools of Innovation	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill, which changes the phrase “a school of choice” to “one or more schools of innovation” and requires a two-thirds vote from the State Board of Education on certain exemptions, will have no expenditure impact on the State Department of Education (SDE) or the state agency schools in FY 2021-22 since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of these agencies.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts in FY 2021-22 since it does not change the duties or responsibilities of school districts.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021

State Expenditure

This bill changes the phrase “a school of choice” to “one or more schools of intervention” as it relates to local school boards creating flexible ways to educate children within a district that are exempt from state statutes and regulations that govern other schools in the district. The bill also prevents districts from designating all schools in the district as schools of innovation. Further, the bill outlines the steps a school district must follow to achieve the status of exemption. The exemption must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the State Board of Education. Once approved by the State Board of Education, a school of innovation designation is for four years from the date of approval and may be renewed through the same process as for the initial approval.

State Department of Education SDE indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Board of Education in FY 2021-22 since it requires the Board to perform activities within the normal course of business.

State Agency Schools. The Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics, the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, and the School for the Deaf and Blind indicate that this bill will have no expenditure impact in FY 2021-22 since the bill does not change the duties or responsibilities of the agencies. Due to these responses, we do not expect that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the Governor’s School for

Agriculture at John de la Howe. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on state agency schools in FY 2021-22.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill changes the phrase “a school of choice” to “one or more schools of intervention” as it relates to local school boards creating flexible ways to educate children within a district that are exempt from state statutes and regulations that govern other schools in the district. The bill also prevents districts from designating all schools in the district as schools of innovation. Further, the bill outlines the steps a school district must follow to achieve the status of exemption. The exemption must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the State Board of Education. Once approved by the State Board of Education, a school of innovation designation is for four years from the date of approval and may be renewed through the same process as for the initial approval.

SDE indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact on local school districts in FY 2021-22 since it does not change the duties or responsibilities of school districts.

Local Revenue

N/A



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