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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0208	Introduced on January 12, 2021
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<b>Subject:</b>	Schools of Innovation	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Education	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Wren	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill, which changes the phrase “school of choice” to “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 “school of choice” to “schools of innovation” as it relates to local school boards creating flexible ways to educate children within a district that are exempt from state statutes that govern other schools in the district. The exemption must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the State Board of Education.

**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 School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School 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 in FY 2021-22. 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 “school of choice” to “schools of innovation” as it relates to local school boards creating flexible ways to educate children within a district that are exempt from state statutes that govern other schools in the district.

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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