

FISCAL NOTE

April 26, 2022

Bill No:	HB 1330	Printer's No:	2993	Sponsor:	Rep. Ortitay
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2021-22	2022-23
General Fund	See Below	See Below

SUMMARY: Bill requires the Department of Education to establish and maintain a new online course clearinghouse accessible to all public schools, nonpublic schools, home education programs and the general public.

ANALYSIS: Bill creates a new clearinghouse that shall offer online courses for grades K – 12 and courses for professional development. The Department of Education (PDE) is to maintain the clearinghouse and keep the courses updated. PDE is to develop the application providers will use to submit their online courses to the clearinghouse.

PDE is to submit a report on the operation of the clearinghouse to the Governor and the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees The first report must be submitted by June 30, 2027, and then every five years thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT: PDE would require \$2.5 million in initial investment to build the system and \$1.19 million in annual costs for staffing and recurring system costs. Bill also provides that PDE may establish a reasonable fee for the purpose of reviewing the applications submitted.

HB 1330 establishes the Online Course Clearinghouse Restricted Account which would receive the fees. The funds in this account are to be appropriated to PDE for expenses incurred in carrying out duties associated with the administration of the clearinghouse.

A school entity may not charge a fee to another school entity to utilize courses through the clearinghouse.