

FISCAL NOTE

April 21, 2023

Bill No:	SB 97	Printer's No:	689	Sponsor:	Langerholc
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2022-23	2023-24
General Fund	\$2.661 million	\$2.661 million

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Public School Code providing for community-engaged schools; establishing the Community-Engaged School for Success Pilot Program; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.

ANALYSIS: SB 97 creates the Community-Engaged School for Success Pilot Program within the Department of Education (PDE). PDE shall develop an application process and designate no less than 20 schools which meet eligibility criteria and apply for designation as a community-engaged school. PDE shall also provide technical assistance to designated schools and provide an annual report of information collected.

Designated schools shall appoint a program manager and coordinator to develop, implement and carry out the community engagement plan approved by PDE.

FISCAL IMPACT: PDE may award community-engaged school grants to designated schools not to exceed \$125,000 per school. School districts must match the amount of the grant with school district money. To the extent that funding is available and requirements are met, awards shall be made in five consecutive years geographically dispersed throughout the commonwealth.

SB 97 carries an annual fiscal impact of \$2.5 million in five consecutive fiscal years to fund the minimum required 20 school grants at the maximum award amount of \$125,000 per school. PDE would incur an annual cost of \$161,000 for a program manager.