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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2021 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
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Date 2/20/2021
Bill No: SB341

Sponsor: Sen. Steven P. Neville
Short LEG. APPROP FOR COMM
Title: SCHOOLS FUND

Agency Name and Code PED - 924
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
NFI	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22	FY23		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: HB117, General Appropriations Act of 2021.

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: N/A

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 341 (SB341) would amend the Community Schools Act to give the legislature appropriating authority over the community schools fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB341 does not contain an appropriation.

The executive budget recommendation includes a \$3.322 million appropriation for community school initiatives, while the Legislative Finance Committee recommendation includes \$3 million from the general fund for community school initiatives and a \$10 million transfer from the general fund to the community schools fund contingent on the passage of this bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Current statutory language gives the Public Education Department (PED) authority to distribute funds from the community schools fund. SB341 would give the legislature appropriation authority over the fund, potentially limiting the amount the PED could use to fund community school initiatives, regardless of the balance in the fund.

The legislature appropriated \$2 million to the PED for FY20 and \$3.32 million for FY21. The PED awarded 26 planning grants of up to \$50,000 to 26 schools and six implementation grants of \$150,000 to six schools in FY20. In FY21, the PED awarded 29 implementation grants.

While legislative appropriations have helped to expand the use of the community school model, applications for grant funding have far outpaced funding levels. In FY20, for example, the PED received 111 applications.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Community schools are a strategy in which schools partner with community agencies and other support providers to ensure students have the resources they need to be successful and healthy. According to the Learning Policy Institute (LPI), “well-implemented community schools lead to improvement in student and school outcomes and contribute to meeting the educational needs of low-achieving students in high poverty schools.”

Among its other findings in an examination of various community school studies, LPI found community school interventions “have a positive impact, with programs in many different locations showing improvements in student outcomes, including attendance, academic achievement, high school graduation rates, and reduced racial and economic achievement gaps.”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB341 relates to HB117, General Appropriations Act of 2021.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

N/A

AMENDMENTS

N/A