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Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1621 creates the State Department of Education Spending Transparency Act. The measure requires an online transparency portal, imposes duties on government entities, and provides certain authorization to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES). After communication with OMES, a breakdown of maximum cost estimates without consideration of cost-saving strategies is listed below.

Cost Component	Description	Estimated Cost (Low) (\$M)	Estimated Cost (High) (\$M)
Platform Development	Custom software development, integration with existing portal and web environments	\$250K	\$1M
Cloud Infrastructure & Storage	Cloud hosting, data storage, and processing for interagency platform	\$500K	\$2M
Cybersecurity Compliance	Encryption, access control, compliance, and security audits	\$500K	\$1M
Database Buildout	Establishing custom database for intended use and connectivity	\$250K	\$1M

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Data Processing	Connecting multiple data sources for data ingestion and analysis	\$500k	\$2M
Workforce Training & IT Support	Training for education spend reporting, IT staffing, and support helpdesk	\$500K	\$2M
Compliance Audits & Oversight	Regular audits, legal oversight, and compliance monitoring	\$250K	\$1M
Total Estimated Cost Range	-	\$2.7M	\$10M

However, recall that these estimates do not include potential cost-saving strategies and represent the maximum anticipated range of costs. Some cost-saving strategies include details regarding whether existing federal and state systems or IT infrastructure may be used, the scope of interagency data-sharing agreements (Federal Database access), and federal grant eligibility (some costs may be covered by federal grant programs). Per OMES, more research is needed to build an actuarial estimate regarding the applicability of such grant programs. OMES is aware that these estimates require further refinement to produce a more accurate cost for implementing an interagency collaboration platform.

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Other Considerations

None.