

FISCAL NOTE

June 1, 2023

Bill No:	SB 460	Printer's No:	513	Sponsor:	Bartolotta
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2022-23	2023-24
General Fund	\$0	\$837,850

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, establishing the Child Reunification Program in the Department of Education.

ANALYSIS: SB 460 establishes the Child Reunification Program within the Department of Education (PDE) to assist in locating and returning missing children by providing identification kits.

PDE shall provide school entities with child identification kits to be distributed to parents and legal guardians of first grade students beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, to the extent money is appropriated or otherwise available for that purpose. Undistributed kits may be required to be returned or offset in the following year. PDE shall annually post a report on the number of kits distributed.

School entities shall distribute kits at no cost to parents and guardians. Parents or legal guardians may opt out of receiving an identification kit. School entities may not retain information about who received a kit, and information recorded in the kit is not considered a public record.

FISCAL IMPACT: SB 460 carries an annual fiscal impact of \$678,850 to acquire kits at \$6 per kit for 113,141 first graders per year, assuming a 10 percent opt-out rate. PDE would also incur \$159,000 in annual costs for one position to administer the program.