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FISCAL NOTE

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H.106 An act relating to equitable access to a high-quality education through community schools—Draft No. 9.1— as recommended out of the House Committee on Education

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Bill Summary:

This bill proposes a demonstration grant program to implement a community school program. This program shall expand learning time and opportunities, integrate student support systems, engage families and communities in educational opportunities, and build collaborative leadership and practices at public and secondary schools.

To be eligible for this demonstration grant program, a school must have at least 40% of the student body must be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §1751.

Fiscal Impact:

The Secretary of Education shall administer the demonstration grant program and provide funding on September 1 of 2021, 2022, and 2023. Each demonstration grant shall be up to \$110,000 per year for those three years. This funding shall be used to, hire or designate existing personnel, to be a community school coordinator to develop and implement a community school program. The Agency of Education may set aside not more than 1% of funds for informational assistance and technical assistance, and not more than 2% of funds for evaluations required under Sec. 3 of this act.

Appropriation: \$1,529,000.00 to the Agency of Education from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) for FY22