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Honorable Imani Barnes  
State Representative  
507-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill (LC 61 0289)

Dear Representative Barnes:

The bill would authorize local school systems and public schools to acquire and maintain a supply of hemostatic gel to treat moderate to severe bleeding. Subject to available funding, the State Board of Education (SBOE) will provide grants to participating systems or schools to acquire and maintain hemostatic gel supplies. Such systems or schools would be required to train personnel on the identification of moderate to severe bleeding situations as well as designate individuals responsible for the storage, maintenance, and distribution of hemostatic gel supplies. The SBOE would be required to adopt regulations to implement the bill's provisions in consultation with the Department of Public Health.

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) estimated the bill would cost approximately \$3.4 million. The estimate is based on the cost of 10 units (\$1,500) for each K-12 public school (2,288), excluding virtual schools. Costs could vary depending on the number of units needed per school, the availability of discounts for bulk purchases, and product brand. Local school systems may incur additional costs associated with the required training of school personnel.

Respectfully,

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