

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1448** by Averitt (Relating to the applicability of certain laws relating to portability of certain health benefit coverage provided to school district employees.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require school districts that do not participate in the Teacher Retirement System-managed uniform group health coverage program (TRS-ActiveCare) to offer a group health benefit plan for district employees, which complies with state requirements for portability and availability. The TRS-ActiveCare program is already compliant.

**Local Government Impact**

To the extent that districts that do not participate in TRS-ActiveCare and do not offer a plan that is compliant with state requirements for portability and availability, there could be local cost associated with offering a compliant plan. District-level information on the characteristics of health plans is unavailable.

**Source Agencies:** 323 Teacher Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 701 Central Education Agency

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