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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—House Education Draft No. 9.1— As Further Amended by the House Committee on Appropriation

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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 and technical assistance, and not more than 2% of funds for evaluations required under Sec. 3 of this act.

- **Appropriation: \$3,399,000.00 to American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 pursuant to Section 2001(f)(1), 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 for FY22 to be used over FY22, 23, 24**

For this level of funding, 10 supervisory unions can receive demonstrations grants, at the maximum grant of \$110,000 per year, for all three years for \$3,300,000. The Agency of Education set aside for all three years comes to \$33,000 for informational and technical

assistance and \$66,000 for the evaluation requirements. The total of the demonstration grants and Agency of Education set aside is \$3,399,000.