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QUESTION:

What are the issues, including cost, for the Department of Reporting and Regulatory Accountability to evaluate the implementation of Board of Education Policy?

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ANSWER:

The Board of Education has had an interest in the evaluation of the implementation of Board policies. However, current staffing resources in the departments of Reporting and Regulatory Accountability and Shared Accountability are not sufficient to develop and maintain a systematic process for reviewing and reporting the implementation success and impact of Board policies. Additional resources in both departments would facilitate the development of a systematic review of policies and regulations for compliance and effectiveness. Such a system would include: tracking the date of adoption, establishing a targeted review date, collaborating with responsible offices to evaluate policy implementation, and preparing and reporting findings to the Board. This evaluation process would provide timely feedback to inform Board decisions on policies and also would ensure that internal interests and external requirements are addressed.

A full-time employee to Department of Reporting and Regulatory Accountability is needed to develop and maintain a reporting and review process to compare policy compliance practices to the requirements within policies and regulations. The person filling this position also would be responsible for monitoring external regulatory compliance matters and initiatives that may require creation or modification of policies and regulations. The position would cost \$93,259, including benefits. Additionally, \$20,000 for part-time funds also is needed for the Program Evaluation team in the Department of Shared Accountability to support the programmatic evaluation of implemented policies. Funding for the additional position and part-time resources strengthens the combined resources of the departments of Reporting and Regulatory Accountability and Shared Accountability to develop monitoring and review processes (qualitative and quantitative) to evaluate the compliance and the effectiveness of implemented policies and regulations.