

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2002 Fiscal Impact Statement – Enrolled Bill**  
**(Revised)**

**1. Bill Number** HB1136

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Dillard

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Standards of Quality; certain elementary school personnel.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill amends the Standards of Quality to require, within the Standards of Accreditation, guidance counselors in elementary schools at the following staffing levels: one hour per day per 100 students, one full -time at 500 students, and one hour per day additional time per 100 students or major fraction thereof. In addition, elementary schools may employ one full -time reading specialist "at the discretion of the local school board."

6. Fiscal Impact: Final, (See 8.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill amends Standard 3 of the Standards of Quality regarding minimum staffing requirements. Guidance counselors would be required in elementary schools according to the following standards: (1) one hour per day per 100 students; (2) one full -time at 500 students; and (3) one hour per day additional time per 100 students or major fraction thereof. The provision of this bill regarding guidance counselors serves to codify requirements that are already outlined in the Board of Education's Standards of Accreditation. The current staffing standard for elementary schools requires guidance counselors or reading specialists.

In addition, elementary schools may employ one full -time reading specialist "at the discretion of the local school board." Since it is not mandatory, there is no fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Education, school divisions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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Secretary of Finance