

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB358

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Reese

3. **Committee** Education

4. **Title** School board budgets.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This bill modifies the school board budget process to require the vision
superintendent to prepare and submit an estimate of the amount of money needed during the next
fiscal year no later than 60 days before the proposed adoption date for the estimate. The Board of
Education is to develop budget format guidelines that requires school boards to include in the
estimate not only the money needed by major classification, but also an identification of all
programs in the school division, written goals and objectives for each program; written indices of
success for each program; a program evaluation cycle and access to past program evaluations; the
amount estimated for the current fiscal year and amounts actually spent in the past three fiscal
years for each such program; and the number of employees, both full - and part -time, supporting
each program.

6. **Fiscal Impact:** Minimal (See 8.)

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** Currently, school superintendents must prepare an estimate of the amount
of money to be needed during the next fiscal year for the support of the public schools and submit
this estimate to the governing body appropriating funds for the division by April 1 of each year.

Under the provisions of this bill, this estimate would now be provided to the school board no later
than 60 days before the proposed adoption of the estimate. Upon approval of the estimate by the
school board, the board and the superintendent would be required to submit this estimated
funding amount to the local governing body by April 1 of each year, which is the edates specified in
Title 15.2 -2503 of the *Code*.

This bill requires that the budget estimate be submitted in a format consistent with the Board of
Education guidelines. Guidelines would need to be developed by the Board and would have to be
designed to promote ease of access and uniformity in reporting. The state cost to develop the
guidelines should be minimal. Some staff time will need to be devoted to developing a
Superintendent's memo outlining the various reporting requirements of the bill, which would be
used to transmit the guideline information to school boards.

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

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. Othercomment s:None.

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