

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB408

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

2. **Patron** Rerras

3. **Committee** Finance

4. **Title** Compulsory school attendance, truancy and chronic tardiness.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This bill incorporates the concept of chronic tardiness into the reporting, record keeping, and enforcement provisions of the compulsory school attendance law and other enforcement provisions relating to the welfare of children, including the law relating to juvenile and domestic court and the parental responsibility law relating to public education and discipline. The substitute version removes the requirement in the introduced version that the Board of Education promulgate regulations defining 'chronically tardy'. Therefore, there is no longer any direct fiscal impact on the department.

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

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** The substitute version removes the requirement in the introduced version that the Board of Education promulgate regulations defining chronically tardy. Therefore, there is no longer any direct fiscal impact on the department.

At the local level, this bill could significantly impact local school divisions due to the additional reporting and monitoring requirements placed on localities as a result of classifying a child in need of supervision as a child who is habitually and without justification absent from school for an entire school day or any part thereof. The local impact cannot be quantified since there is no way to determine how many students would be affected by this revised definition or how resources would be allocated in the schools to monitor and develop attendance plans for these children.

There could also be increased activity in the courts as a result of the additional authority to issue orders against parents and children in violation of the compulsory school attendance law. Again, there is no way to quantify this cost.

Any increased costs to school divisions has an indirect effect on the Standards of Quality. If these increased costs are reported in the Annual School Report (ASR), then they could affect statewide prevailing costs in subsequent biennia.

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

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

11. Othercomments:None.

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