

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement – Enrolled Bill

1. Bill Number HB1503

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Landes

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title High school diplomas; civics education seal.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill directs the Board of Education, by July 1, 2003, to establish criteria for awarding a diploma seal for excellence in civics education and understanding of the state and federal constitutions and the democratic model of government for the standard and advanced studies diplomas. In doing so, the Board shall consider including criteria for (i) successful completion of history, government, and civics courses, including courses that incorporate character education; (ii) voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities; and (iii) related requirements as it deems appropriate.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Currently, diploma seals are available related to the following areas: (1) Governor's seal [Advanced Studies] diploma; (2) Board of Education seal [average grade of "A"]; (3) career and technical education; and (4) advanced mathematics and technology. In order to provide a civics seal, a change to the Standards of Accreditation may be required. The state cost will be minimal to the Department of Education to provide this additional seal.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education
Secretary of Finance