

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1326

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Marrs

**3. Committee**    Passed both houses

**4. Title**            Compulsory school attendance enforcement

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Strengthens the mechanisms for enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law. The bill removes the restriction on the court's use of contempt power in enforcing compulsory school attendance and parental responsibility provisions. The court's authority to order the child or the parent, or both, into programs, such as extended day programs and summer school or other educational programs and treatment, such as counseling, is clarified and reinforced. The court is given the authority to summon and force a parent to appear in court with the child. The parental responsibility and involvement statute is amended to include compliance with compulsory school attendance. The parent may be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor (a maximum fine of \$500) for violating the provisions of the parental responsibility law.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** It is not possible at this time to determine the number of judges that would implement this provision or how many persons would be convicted under this legislation. However, the maximum fine for a Class 3 misdemeanor is \$500. Any revenue generated from the enactment of this bill would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Localities

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Education