

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1045

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Wagner

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Diplomas; student-selected verified credits.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill directs the Board of Education to establish guidelines for local school boards, to be effective for the graduating class of 2007, for the award of verified credits, not to exceed two such credits per student, for passing scores on industry certifications and assessments approved by the Board of Education for substitution for the Standards of Learning assessments. Such guidelines shall be designed to ensure that students have acquired the knowledge and skills required to enter a technical or skilled trade upon graduation. School boards shall report annually to the Board of Education the number of industry certifications obtained and will include this number as a category on the school's achievement report card

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact (See #8.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Administrative costs would be incurred by the Department of Education related to guideline development and collection of data. These costs would be minimal.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education