

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB593

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

2. Patron Lohr

3. Committee Education

4. Title Education; English as a Second Language Grant Program.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Establishes the English as a Second Language Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants to school divisions in which at least 25 percent of the student population receives English as a second language instruction. The program shall be administered by the Board of Education, and the Board must promulgate regulations governing the disbursement of such grants and provide rules and guidelines for the use of funds received by school divisions from the program. Each school division receiving such funds must submit a report to the Board specifying how the funds were used or are intended to be used in the school division.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 135.

8. Fiscal implications: The language in the legislation makes no reference to the general fund; however, the bill's intent regarding funding is unclear because it does make reference to "other funds as may be received." The legislation does not define the meaning of "other funds" so this estimate assumes **no general fund impact**. To establish this program, there would need to be a budget amendment to provide nongeneral fund appropriation for the program. The amount of funding that might be generated through "donations, gifts, grants, bequests, and other funds" as cited in the legislation is unknown which makes it impossible to reliably estimate the amount of nongeneral fund appropriation to include in the budget.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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