

**Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB499

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Puckett

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Requirements for home instruction of children.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Modifies the criteria that a parent must meet to provide home instruction to their children, by providing that a parent who holds a high school diploma, rather than a baccalaureate degree, meets the requirements.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation would make more individuals eligible to provide home instruction; however, it is anticipated that any increase in the number of students receiving home instruction would be negligible. To have a significant fiscal impact, a large number of students would have to switch to home instruction and withdraw from public school systems. If this were to occur, enrollment levels for school divisions would decrease causing a corresponding reduction in state funding for public education.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Home school students.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB 1340.

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