

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2613

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 Watts

3. Committee Education

4. Title Standards of Quality; Standard 2; pupil-teacher ratios.

5. Summary/Purpose: Reduces the current pupil-teacher ratio in kindergarten from an average daily membership of 24:1 to 21:1 and in grades one, two, and three from 24:1 to 20:1. This bill also provides that the pupil-teacher ratio may not exceed 25:1 in average daily membership in grades four through six, and 24:1 in average daily membership in English in grades six through 12.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 135.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Education estimates that this legislation will result in an additional general fund cost of **\$83.7 million** in FY 2008. This estimate is based on the impact of the proposed changes to pupil-teacher ratios in the Standards of Quality and assumes that the legislation would not be effective until July 1, 2007.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Direct Aid to Public Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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