

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB886-H1

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Alexander

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Chronic school absenteeism and truancy.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to promulgate regulations to address truancy by July 1, 2013. The regulations must address the following: (i) provisions for early intervention at the school level for repeated unexcused absences; (ii) identification of and a plan to address a student's academic, social, familial, and other barriers that impede attendance in school; and (iii) arrangement of conferences that may be necessary between school personnel, students, parents, and community services providers, as appropriate, to address plans and strategies to improve student attendance, including but not limited to, referrals to family assessment and planning teams.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any costs related to the development of regulations by the Board of Education and the Department of Education to address truancy would be nominal and absorbed within current resources. However, once promulgated, these regulations would affect school divisions by prescribing specific actions that must be taken to address truancy. Any potential local fiscal impact resulting from the enacted regulations would not be known until such regulations are implemented.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education and local school divisions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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