

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1442-E

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Bell, Robert B.

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Participation in interscholastic programs for students receiving home instruction.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who (i) is receiving home instruction; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for two consecutive academic years; (iii) is in compliance with immunization requirements; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi) is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii) complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject to all codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. The bill allows such students to be charged reasonable fees for participation. The provisions of this bill will expire on July 1, 2018.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would require organizations governing interscholastic activities to allow students receiving home instruction who are eligible to attend public school to participate in interscholastic programs at the school serving the attendance zone in which the student lives. This legislation also permits school divisions to assess reasonable fees to such students to cover the costs of participation in such interscholastic programs, including the costs of additional insurance, uniforms, or equipment.

Since divisions already have staff required for interscholastic programs, the passage of this legislation should not have a state fiscal impact. The impact to school divisions should also be minimal given that the divisions may assess reasonable fees to cover any related costs.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB792.

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