

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1871-ER

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

**2. Patron:** McClellan

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Student and school employee conduct.

**5. Summary:** Defines the term "bullying" and requires each school board to include in its code of student conduct, by July 1, 2014, policies and procedures that include a prohibition against bullying. Such policies and procedures shall not be interpreted to infringe upon the First Amendment rights of students and are not intended to prohibit expression of religious, philosophical, or political views, provided that such expression does not cause an actual, material disruption of the work of the school. Each school board shall implement, by July 1, 2014, policies and procedures to educate school board employees about the need to create a bully-free environment. The Board of Education shall develop, by January 1, 2014, model policies and procedures for use by each school board to educate school board employees about the need to create a bully-free environment. The bill also contains technical amendments.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is possible that the development of policies and procedures related to the prohibition of bullying in schools, as required by the legislation, could result in additional administrative costs for the Department of Education and local school divisions; however, it is anticipated that such costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

**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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