

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB198

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Landes

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Elementary and secondary school students; sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would prohibit an incident that occurs in any setting other than on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity from being deemed sufficient cause for the suspension or expulsion of a student, except in cases in which the division superintendent has received a report of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction for a certain criminal offense. The bill would narrow the scope and location of disciplinary infractions that may result in student suspension or expulsion.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill amends the situations for which a student may be suspended or expelled. The bill will not impact state finances. There may be a fiscal impact to local school divisions because some training may be needed for school-level leaders and staff to understand the potential implications of the legislation on their classroom management, especially in cases in which student activities outside of school have a negative impact on relationships and situations within the school building and school day. Any local fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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