

**Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 683

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Herring, Charniele L.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Investigation of alleged child abuse and neglect; agreements with school divisions

5. Summary: The enrolled bill requires local departments of social services and local school divisions to include, in written interagency agreements for the investigation of certain complaints of child abuse or neglect, provisions governing investigation of complaints of sexual abuse of a child in which coordination between the local department of social services and local school division is necessary to facilitate the investigation. In addition, the bill requires local school divisions to report annually to the Board of Education, and local departments of social services to report annually to the Board of Social Services, regarding the status of such interagency agreements for the investigation of complaints of child abuse and neglect against school personnel and reports of sexual abuse of children that require coordination between local departments and local school divisions to facilitate investigation of such complaints and reports.

Once such interagency agreement is adopted, the local school division and the local department of social services that are the parties to the interagency agreement shall no longer be required to report annually on the status of the interagency agreement. Thereafter, such parties shall only be required to report to the Board of Education and the Board of Social Services when such interagency agreements are substantially modified.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is assumed that any cost associated with expanding the scope of the existing interagency agreements and requiring the annual reports would be minimal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Social Services
Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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