

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1313

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

**2. Patron:** Davis

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** School Performance Report Card; rankings.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would eliminate the A-F school grading system created in the 2013 Session and amended during the 2014 Session. Instead, the bill would permit the Board of Education to rank schools and school divisions based on the information contained in each School Performance Report Card. The bill requires any such designations of rank to be in a form different from the letter grades used by such schools and school divisions to grade student performance.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 131.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would require the Board of Education to create a new ranking system for schools and school divisions. The Board is currently in the process of finalizing the school performance letter grading system for use by October 1, 2016, as required by the 2014 Session legislation.

Significant revisions to the current School Performance Report Card design would require the services of a designer, and implementation of a revised design would require contract staff. The Department of Education estimates the redesign costs to total \$75,000 of general fund support in FY2016, which is not provided for in the current budget.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** HB1368, HB1672, HB2180 and SB727 also impact the A-F grading system.

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