

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1713

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Schools accredited with warning for three consecutive years or denied accreditation; alternatives.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would require the Board of Education to establish and implement a policy, with certain conditions and limitations, to allow any student assigned to a school accredited with warning for three consecutive years or denied accreditation to enroll at another school in the school division upon the request of a parent or guardian.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require the Board of Education to establish a new policy governing the ability of students to transfer out of struggling schools. The creation of the new policy can be absorbed within existing resources. The bill is not anticipated to create a state fiscal impact.

The bill could have a local fiscal impact. School divisions would be required to allow students to transfer out of a struggling school within the division as long as the receiving school has sufficient enrollment capacity based on building size and space. The movement of such students between schools may require the division to hire additional staff or transfer existing staff between facilities. Any such local fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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