

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB368

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

2. Patron: McDougle

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public schools; standards of accreditation.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Board of Education to review the accreditation status of a school once every three years if the school has been fully accredited for three consecutive years, and allows the Board to review the accreditation status of any other school once every two years or once every three years, provided that any school that receives a multiyear accreditation status other than full accreditation shall be covered by a Board-approved multiyear corrective action plan for the duration of the period of accreditation. The bill also provides that when the Board of Education determines a corrective action plan submitted by a local school board is not sufficient to enable all schools within the division to achieve full accreditation, the Board may return the plan to the local school board with directions to submit an amended plan pursuant to Board guidance. Finally, the bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to report annually to the Board on the accreditation status of all school divisions and schools. Currently the Superintendent is required to identify to the Board schools or divisions that do not meet certain criteria.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of this bill. The Department of Education anticipates that the requirements of this bill can be absorbed within existing Board of Education and Department of Education resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.