

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB983

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Children from birth to age five who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard-of-hearing; parent resource.

5. Summary: Requires the Division of Special Education and Student Services of the Department of Education to (i) select, with input from an advisory committee that it establishes, language development milestones and include such milestones in a resource for use by parents of a child from birth to age five who is identified as deaf, deaf-blind, or hard-of-hearing to monitor and track their child's expressive and receptive language acquisition and developmental stages toward English literacy; (ii) disseminate such resource to such parents; (iii) select existing tools or assessments for educators for use in assessing the language and literacy development of children from birth to age five who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard-of-hearing; (iv) disseminate such tools or assessments to local educational agencies and provide materials and training on their use; and (v) annually produce a report, using existing data reported in compliance with the federally required state performance plan on students with disabilities, that compares the language and literacy development of children from birth to age five who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard-of-hearing with the language and literacy development of their peers who are not deaf, deaf-blind, or hard-of-hearing and make such report available to the public on its website. The bill is a recommendation of the Disability Commission.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 132.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill indicates that the advisory committee will consist of 13 volunteers, so it is unclear whether or not the Department of Education (DOE) will be required to reimburse committee members for expenses incurred. If DOE is required to fund these expenses, the agency estimates a one-time general fund cost of \$50,000 in FY 2018 for travel, lodging, meals, incidentals, and administrative costs associated with four two-day sessions to complete the work required of the advisory committee. Additionally, DOE estimates a one-time general fund cost of \$37,500 in FY 2018 to print and mail the resource documents required by this bill. Furthermore, if DOE delivers training to 300 educators in a single session, the agency estimates an additional one-time general fund cost of \$58,000 to

support facility rental and travel costs of the participants. DOE anticipates that the reporting requirements specified in this bill can be absorbed with existing resources. In total, DOE estimates a one-time general fund cost of \$145,500 to support the provisions of this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB 1873.