

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1600

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

2. **Patron:** Bourne

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Student discipline; long-term suspension.

5. **Summary:** Reduces the maximum length of a long-term suspension from 364 calendar days to 45 school days except when (i) the offense is one described in § 22.1-277.07 or 22.1-277.08 or involves serious bodily injury or (ii) the school board or division superintendent or his designee finds that aggravating circumstances exist, as defined by the Department of Education. Such definition shall include a consideration of a student's disciplinary history.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Under current regulations, a student suspended for more than 15 days who does not receive alternate education from the public school division, such as home-based education, is removed from Average Daily Membership (ADM). A reduction in the maximum length of long-term suspension would reduce the period of time that such students are excluded from ADM, resulting in an indeterminate increase in ADM. Any additional cost to the state cannot be determined at this time.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None