

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1643

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

**2. Patron:** Hope

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Teacher licensure; endorsement, Montessori method.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to provide for licensure of teachers with an endorsement in the Montessori method of education. The bill requires the Board of Education, in establishing the requirements for such endorsement, to require, at a minimum, (i) a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, (ii) graduation from a teacher education program affiliated with the American Montessori Society or receipt of a certificate from the Association Montessori Internationale, and (iii) employment by a school board in a teaching position for which the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori Society or the Association Montessori Internationale is the primary method of instruction.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 133.

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

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2019	\$0	0	N/A
2020	\$25,000	0	General Fund

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires the Board of Education to develop guidelines for licensing a specific teaching methodology. The Department of Education (DOE) does not have existing staff that can develop such guidelines. DOE estimates a state cost of \$25,000 in FY 2020 to support a six-month wage position to draft the guidelines for licensure of teachers with an endorsement in the Montessori method of education.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None