

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1729

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

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Guidance counselors; changes name to school counselors, staff time.

5. Summary: Requires each school counselor employed by a school board in a public elementary or secondary school to spend at least 80 percent of his staff time during normal school hours in the direct counseling of individual students or groups of students.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, a technical language amendment in Item 136.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: A language amendment is necessary to change guidance counselor(s) to school counselor(s) in Item 136 A.17, Item 136 C.9.e.3.b, and Item 136 C.39.a.1.

There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill, as the bill does not alter how the state recognizes funding for school counselors. Local school divisions may experience increased costs if they need to hire additional staff to assume duties previously performed by the school counselor. Any actual fiscal impact to localities is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None