

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1985

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

2. **Patron:** Bell, Richard P.

3. **Committee:** Passed both houses

4. **Title:** Alternative education programs; data.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Education to annually collect from each school board and publish on its website various enrollment and achievement data on alternative education programs for students who have been suspended, expelled, or otherwise precluded from attendance at school. The bill requires such data to be published in a manner that protects the identities of individual students and disaggregated by local school division and by student race, ethnicity, gender, and disability.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 128.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. 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	\$55,000	0	General Fund
2021	\$55,000	0	General Fund
2022	\$55,000	0	General Fund
2023	\$55,000	0	General Fund
2024	\$55,000	0	General Fund
2025	\$55,000	0	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** To satisfy the requirements of this bill, Department of Education (DOE) staff would need to create a data collection, database, and online reporting format, which would involve several months of staff time working with school divisions. This staff support also would be responsible for training school divisions to submit data and to administer the data collection. Support for the data collection would be ongoing. DOE also notes the need for additional administration for the Office of Student Support to provide program support to school divisions, which would involve training and technical assistance; this service does not currently exist within DOE. Programmatic support for school divisions would be ongoing. DOE estimates an additional state cost of \$55,000 per year to support a wage position to satisfy the requirements of this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None