

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2325

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

2. Patron: Thomas

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: School board employees; discipline; written reprimand.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to include in its regulations that prescribe the requirements for the licensure of teachers and other school personnel required to hold a license procedures for the written reprimand of such license holders. The bill permits the Board of Education to issue a written reprimand to any such license holder who knowingly and willfully commits a certain enumerated act relating to secure mandatory tests administered to students. The only express disciplinary actions that are permissible under current law in such a scenario are suspension or revocation of such individual's license. The bill also permits a school board or division superintendent to issue a written reprimand to a teacher who breaches his employment contract after the school board or division superintendent declines to grant such teacher's request for release from such contract on the grounds of insufficient or unjustifiable cause. The only express disciplinary action that is permissible under current law in such a scenario is revocation of such teacher's license.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the Department of Education and the Board of Education can absorb any costs resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None