

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1545

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

**2. Patron:** Sturtevant

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Public schools; alternative accountability process.

**5. Summary:** Allows a school board to adopt an alternative accountability process to provide a principal and parties involved in an incident involving assault or assault and battery without bodily injury that occurs on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event an option to enter into a mutually agreed upon mediation process between the involved parties as an alternative to reporting such incident to law enforcement. The bill requires a principal in a school division with such a process to attempt to engage the parties involved in such an incident in the alternative accountability process prior to reporting such incident to the local law-enforcement agency. The bill allows school boards to include in their alternative accountability process a provision to prevent a principal from reporting such an incident when the parties successfully complete the alternative accountability process.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this legislation will not have a state fiscal impact. Any impact to localities is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions, local law-enforcement agencies, juvenile and domestic relations district courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.