

Department of Planning and Budget
2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1940

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

2. Patron: Rasoul

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Department of Education; guidelines on excused student absences; civic or political engagement.

5. Summary: Requires, subject to guidelines established by the Department of Education, each school board to permit a one school day long excused absence per school year for middle school or high school student who is absent from school to engage in a civic event. Each school board may permit additional excused absences and may require that the student provide advance notice of the intended absence and that the student provide documentation of participation in a civic event.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education can absorb any costs associated with establishing the guidelines proposed in this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB1439.