

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1980

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

2. Patron: Kory

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School boards; codes of student conduct; student discipline alternatives.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to include in its guidelines and model policies for codes of student conduct criteria for the use of non-exclusionary student discipline measures. The bill requires each school board's code of student conduct to be consistent with but permits such code to be more stringent than such guidelines and the Board of Education's guidelines for alternatives to short-term and long-term suspension. The bill also requires each such code of student conduct to include a requirement to utilize as alternatives to suspension, expulsion, and exclusion other interventions such as positive behavior incentives, mediation, peer-to-peer counseling, and community service and to include a requirement to report on the use of student instructional supports and behavioral interventions as categorized by the Department of Education in its student behavior and administrative response data collection.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Education can absorb any costs associated with developing guidelines and model policies.

Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None