

**Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1636

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron McClellan

3. Committee Education

4. Title Kindergarten programs; expands eligibility for kindergarten in school divisions.

5. Summary/Purpose: Expands the eligibility for kindergarten in school divisions implementing pre-kindergarten or transitional first grade programs, to include children whose fifth birthday occurs between October 1st and June 30th, rather than the current cutoff of December 31st.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal implications: By expanding eligibility for kindergarten, it is anticipated that enrollment levels will increase. However, the number of newly eligible students that will qualify for kindergarten after an "appropriate readiness evaluation," as required by this legislation, is unknown at this time. Therefore, it is not possible to reliably estimate the number of additional students enrolling in kindergarten as a result of this legislation; however, it is anticipated that any such increase would primarily occur in the early years of implementation and smooth out over time.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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