

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2556

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 Frederick

3. Committee Education

4. Title Textbooks; availability for home use.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that each local school division shall, in providing textbooks and workbooks free of charge for each child attending public schools, ensure that such textbooks and workbooks are available in sufficient quantity to provide each student an individual copy that may be used at home.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal implications: The Governor's Introduced Budget includes an appropriation of \$67.2 million for FY 2007 and \$67.6 million for FY 2008 from the general fund for the state's share of the cost of textbooks based on a per pupil amount of \$100.28 each year. State funds for textbooks, which are a part of the Standards of Quality (SOQ), are distributed based on adjusted March 31 average daily membership (ADM).

This bill would likely require some school divisions to purchase more textbooks to ensure that all students can take them home or require them to make computers containing the materials available to students.

There is no state fiscal impact in 2006-2008 since the cost of providing additional textbooks available for home use is the responsibility of the local school board. However, there is likely a funding impact for this measure in future biennia, as there could be an impact on the weighted average textbook per pupil cost funded in the Standards of Quality (SOQ).

This future state share of cost would likely occur in the SOQ rebenchmarking for the 2010-2012 biennium. At this time, it is not possible to reliably estimate this cost as it is unknown how many additional textbooks or computers will be needed based on the requirements of this bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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