

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1135

House of Origin	<u>  X  </u>	Introduced	<u>    </u>	Substitute	<u>    </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>    </u>	In Committee	<u>    </u>	Substitute	<u>    </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Fralin

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** **Board of Education; regulations governing limited public forums and religious viewpoints in schools.**

**5. Summary:** Provides that a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject must not be discriminated against by local school divisions. Also, local school divisions must establish and implement a policy to ensure that the school division does not discriminate against a student's publicly stated voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint. Requires the Board of Education to promulgate and implement regulations regarding a limited public forum and voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) promulgate and implement regulations. DOE estimates that there would be some administrative cost associated with writing and implementing the required regulations but that costs would be adsorbed within current resources.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** No.

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c: Secretary of Education