

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1923

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:** Tata

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Textbooks; reasonable fee or charge

**5. Summary:** Provides that local school boards may assess a reasonable fee or charge for the loss of or damage to a textbook, so long as such textbook has been provided to the student free of charge.

**6. No fiscal impact. Preliminary.**

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation permits school divisions to assess a fee or charge for damages or loss of school property for instructional materials that were provided to students free of charge. This bill enables school divisions to recuperate a "reasonable" amount to cover the replacement costs for such materials, which could generate a savings for divisions.

However, this bill does not define the "reasonable" value that should be assigned to such instructional materials. Therefore, the Department of Education has indicated the local savings cannot be determined, since there is no way to estimate the number of instructional materials that will be subject to the provisions of this legislation. Nevertheless, the passage of this bill is not expected to have a general fund impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Education