

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1945

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: Peace

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Regional alternative education programs.

5. Summary: Provides that a school division may assign a student deemed at-risk for a long-term suspension to a regional alternative education program. Also, clarifies that the program described by the section is a “regional alternative education program”.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 140, HB1600.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently the Department of Education only has funding for a specific number of slots. Therefore, this legislation would only have a fiscal impact if funding is provided to support additional slots at the Regional Alternative Education Centers.

The cost of additional Alternative Education slots cannot be determined at this time, since it is unknown where the additional enrollment would occur. The cost of a slot varies depending on the locality; however, considering the current funding levels in the Governor’s introduced budget for FY 2010, a maximum of \$6,000 per slot can be estimated.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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cc: Secretary of Education