

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**  
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**1. Bill Number:** HB2140

**House of Origin**      X   Introduced               Substitute               Engrossed  
**Second House**               In Committee           Substitute               Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Miller, J.H.

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:**        **Learner's permits.**

**5. Summary:** This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse an application for a learner's permit by a minor who has had more than five unexcused absences from school in the six months of school immediately preceding the application.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Indeterminate. Preliminary.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 443.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill would require the development of an entirely new automated process to obtain absentee information from schools. This effort would involve numerous technical issues, including development of a Department of Education (DOE) database and a mechanism by which the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) could ascertain student standing.

Without a DOE central database of student standing, DMV would require \$97,200 to create an interface (possibly web-based) to be used by individual schools to electronically submit to DMV notification of a student's unexcused absences. This scenario assumes that the schools are keying and submitting the data directly to DMV.

However, if DMV were able to query a DOE database, DMV estimates a cost of \$68,310 to build an interface to query that database of student standing at the time the student applies for a learner's permit. This scenario assumes that DOE would receive the data from the schools and ensure it is entered and stored into its centralized student standing database.

The Department of Education does not currently support such a database and the cost of developing and implementing one is indeterminate. Neither estimate above includes any costs that would be incurred by DOE or the schools.

Additional personnel would be needed if paper documents are to be forwarded to DMV for processing. Since the volume of transactions is unknown, additional staffing and data storage requirements cannot be estimated at this time.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Education, public schools, Department of Motor Vehicles.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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