

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2098-ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Tata

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Releases school boards from state regulations.

5. Summary: Requires any school board that has requested a release from certain state regulations to provide a description of how such release is designed to increase the quality of instruction and improve the achievement of students in the affected school or schools. The bill requires the Department of Education to provide (i) guidance to any local school division that requests a release from state regulations and (ii) information about opportunities to form partnerships with other agencies or entities to any local school division in which the school or schools granted releases from state regulations have demonstrated improvement in the quality of instruction and the achievement of students. The bill permits the Board to grant and renew such releases for a period of up to five years.

The Board may also grant local school boards waivers of specific requirements permitting the local school boards to assign instructional personnel to the schools with the greatest needs, providing a school division still employs a sufficient number of personnel division-wide to meet required Standards of Quality (SOQ) staffing standards.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this legislation will not have a state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB1189.

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