

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1626

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

**2. Patron:** Bell, Robert B.

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Students receiving home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would prohibit school divisions from joining organizations governing public school interscholastic programs if such organization does not allow the participation of home-schooled students who meet specified requirements. The bill allows such students to be charged reasonable fees for participation. The bill does not require local school boards to establish a policy permitting participation in interscholastic programs at its schools by students who reside in the school division receiving home instruction. The bill contains a sunset provision of July 1, 2020.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** If this bill is enacted, there is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from this legislation. There is a potential for a fiscal impact to local school divisions if the “reasonable” fees charged for participation do not cover the total cost to the local school division. The bill does not define what constitutes a reasonable fee. The fees charged will vary across the school divisions in the state. Any local fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 3/24/2015 dpb/smc

**Document:** G:\GA\FIS 2015\HB1626ER.docx