## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	SB916					
	House of Origin	$\boxtimes$	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled
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- **2. Patron:** Wexton
- **3.** Committee: Education and Health
- **4. Title:** Diploma seals; biliteracy.
- **5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would direct the Board of Education to award diploma seals for biliteracy when students meet certain criteria for general academic achievement and demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language through certain testing or coursework.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: The bill is not anticipated to have a state fiscal impact. There is a minimal cost to establish the criteria and the print and distribute the seals, but it can be absorbed by the Department of Education. Once the criteria are established, there could be a fiscal impact to the local school divisions to assess students' eligibility for the biliteracy seal.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.
- **11. Other Comments:** Similar to HB1351.

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