

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB246

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stanley

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Grants for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) competition teams at qualified schools.

**5. Summary:** Establishes a grant program administered by the Board of Education beginning in 2017 to establish STEM competition teams at qualified schools. The bill defines qualified schools as those public secondary schools at which at least 40 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Grants are capped at \$10,000 per school per year.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 139.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This grant program would have no state fiscal impact unless funds are appropriated to fund the grants. The Department of Education (DOE) would incur costs to administer the grant program, process applications, and distribute grant payments, but such state administrative costs cannot be determined at this time. It is anticipated that these costs can be absorbed within existing resources; however, the magnitude of the grant program is indeterminate based on HB 246 language. If the grant program is large enough and DOE is unable to support this initiative with existing staff, DOE estimates a state cost of \$115,000 per year for salary, benefits, and related costs for an additional full-time equivalent program manager position.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education, Board of Education.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.