

**Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB538

House of Origin	☒ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Students with limited English proficiency; alternative to the eleventh grade Standards of Learning.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to authorize the use of an English language proficiency assessment such as the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessment as an alternative to the eleventh grade Standards of Learning end-of-course English reading assessment for students with limited English proficiency.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, local school divisions pay all costs associated with administering English language proficiency (ELP) assessments. If, as a result of this bill, ELP scores will be used for state accreditation in place of the Standards of Learning end-of-course English reading assessment scores, this could change the state's responsibility to pay for the ELP assessment. The state cost resulting from this change in responsibility is indeterminate at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB 241, HB 573, and SB 548.