

Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1536

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

2. Patron: Bell, Richard P.

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public schools; student discipline.

5. Summary: Prohibits students in preschool through grade five from being suspended or expelled except for drug offenses, firearm offenses, or certain criminal acts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Under current regulations, a student suspended or expelled for more than 15 days who does not receive alternate education from the public school division, such as home-based education, is removed from Average Daily Membership (ADM). This bill could reduce the volume of long-term suspensions and expulsions, resulting in an indeterminate increase in ADM. Any additional cost to the state cannot be determined at this time but is likely minimal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB 997.