

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1536

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

2. **Patron:** Bell, Richard P.

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Public schools; student discipline.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits students in preschool through grade three from being suspended for more than five school days or expelled from attendance at school except under certain circumstances.

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 similar to the Senate substitute of SB 997.