

**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 and Health

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

**5. Summary:** Prohibits students in preschool through grade three from receiving long-term suspension or being expelled from attendance at school except under specific 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 identical to the Senate substitute of SB 997.