

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1578

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

2. **Patron:** Bell, Robert B.

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Students who receive home instruction; participation in interscholastic programs.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits public schools from joining an organization governing interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who (i) receives home instruction; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for two consecutive academic years; (iii) is in compliance with immunization requirements; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi) is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii) complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject to all codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. The bill provides that no local school board is required to establish a policy to permit students who receive home instruction to participate in interscholastic programs. The bill permits reasonable fees to be charged to students who receive home instruction to cover the costs of participation in such interscholastic programs, including the costs of additional insurance, uniforms, and equipment. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2022.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill.

Local school divisions may experience a fiscal impact from increased participation in interscholastic programs and associated costs, such as insurance, uniforms, and equipment. The bill provides the option for local school divisions to charge a reasonable fee for incurred costs, which could eliminate the local fiscal impact.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** An identical bill from the 2016 session, HB 131, was vetoed by the Governor.