

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1757

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

**2. Patron:** Dudenhefer

**3. Committee:** Appropriations

**4. Title:** School personnel; staffing ratios; school nurses.

**5. Summary:** Requires each local school board to employ at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division and at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position per 1,000 students in grades kindergarten through 12.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 139.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Standards of Quality currently do not include a staffing standard for school nurses. Funding for school nurses and other support positions is calculated using statewide prevailing costs. Under current methodology, the projected FY 2018 school nurse support cost funded in Basic Aid in HB1500 is \$61.2 million. Budget language in Item 139 permits school divisions to spend the state share of funding resulting from the support cost calculation for school nurses on licensed school nurse positions employed by the school division or for licensed nurses contracted by the local school division to provide school health services.

The Department of Education estimates an additional state cost of \$21.0 million in FY 2018 to provide the state share of employing at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position in each elementary school, middle school, and high school in the local school division and at least one full-time equivalent school nurse position per 1,000 students in grades kindergarten through 12. The greatest impact would be in divisions with low enrollment, which would be funded based on a full-time school nurse position for each school despite enrollment. These funds would be distributed through Basic Aid, and school divisions would be required to provide local matching funds based on the local composite index. Any state cost in outgoing years is indeterminate at this time and would be based on the Direct Aid to Public Education budget as rebenchmarked for future biennia.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None