

**Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB995

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Student discipline; long-term suspension.

5. Summary: Reduces the maximum length of a long-term suspension from 364 calendar days to 90 school days. The bill prohibits a long-term suspension from extending beyond 45 school days unless the school principal or division superintendent finds that aggravating circumstances exist, as defined by the local school board. Requires review of any long-term suspension that extends beyond a 45 school day period at the end of each such period.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Under current regulations, a student suspended 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). A reduction in the maximum length of long-term suspension would reduce the period of time that such students are excluded from ADM, resulting in an indeterminate increase in ADM. Any additional cost to the state cannot be determined at this time.

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 House substitute of HB 1534.