

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:** Prohibits a long-term suspension from extending beyond 60 school days unless the school board or the superintendent or his designee finds that the student's behavior may constitute an offense that would be a crime if committed by an adult, or that such student who is an adult has committed a crime, if the offense is based on conduct that occurred at school, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event. In any case in which a student is suspended for more than 60 school days, the school board or the superintendent or his designee must conduct a review at the end of each grading period to determine whether the student will be permitted to return to school prior to the expiration of the long-term suspension. Requires any written notice to a student and his parent regarding a proposed long-term suspension for more than 60 school days to include an explanation of the aggravating circumstances that form the basis for such proposed action. Reduces the length of suspension from an entire semester to more than 60 school days for a student to receive regional alternative education.

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 Senate substitute of HB 1534.