Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB1380
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron: Robinson
3.	Committee: Education
4.	Title: Maximum class sizes; grades four through six.
5.	Summary: Reduces from 35 to 29 the maximum class size in grades four through six.
6.	Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 136.
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.
8.	Fiscal Implications: To reduce from 35 to 29 the maximum class size in grades four through six, the Department of Education calculates a state cost of \$6.1 million in FY 2019 and \$6.2 million in FY 2020.
	Local school divisions would be required to provide the local share of any additional state funds based on each division's local composite index; however, some divisions already may be meeting these maximum class sizes and, therefore, would have no additional costs. Furthermore, there could be a cost to localities to construct additional classroom space to accommodate additional teachers and smaller class sizes; therefore, the reduction in maximum class sizes could create capital costs for localities. Any actual cost to localities is indeterminate.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, local school divisions
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None