

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB296

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

2. Patron: Bell, Richard P.

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public schools; student discipline.

5. Summary: Prohibits students in preschool through grade three from being suspended or expelled except for drug offenses, firearm offenses, or certain criminal acts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Under current regulations, a student suspended or expelled 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). This bill could reduce the volume of long-term suspensions and expulsions, resulting in an indeterminate increase in ADM. Any additional cost to the state cannot be determined at this time but likely is minimal.

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 SB170.