

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB785

<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:** Surovell

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Access to electronic textbooks and adequate connectivity.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits local school boards from requiring the use of any electronic textbook in any course in grades six through 12 unless the school board adopts a plan to ensure that by July 1, 2020, (i) each student enrolled in such course will have access to a personal computing device capable of supporting such textbooks and (ii) the relevant school has adequate connectivity, which the bill defines as bandwidth of at least one megabit per second per enrolled student.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that the Board of Education and the Department of Education can absorb any costs resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None