

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB863

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

2. **Patron:** Sturtevant

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Teacher licensure; alternate route.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to include in its regulations for teacher licensure an alternate route to licensure for elementary education preK-6 and an alternate route to licensure for special education general curriculum K-12. The bill requires each such alternate route to licensure to require individuals to (i) meet the qualifying scores on the content area assessment prescribed by the Board for the endorsements sought and (ii) complete an alternative certification program that provides training in the pedagogy and methodology of the content areas prescribed by the Board.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** To comply with the provisions of this bill, the Board of Education (BOE) and Department of Education (DOE) will need to assemble a workgroup and hold multiple meetings involving stakeholders to evaluate and receive feedback on alternate routes to teacher licensure. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, which advises the BOE and submits recommendations on policies applicable to the qualifications, examination, licensure, and regulation of school personnel, will need to review proposals for alternate routes to licensure. Based on the cost to support BOE meetings, DOE estimates a cost of \$5,000 per meeting. Assuming DOE holds six meetings, DOE estimates a total one-time cost of \$30,000 to meet the provisions of this bill. As stand-alone legislation, DOE may be able to absorb these costs. However, several other bills require DOE to incur additional expenses, so if the aggregate number of these bills likely to pass is significant, DOE may require an additional general fund appropriation.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None