

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1729

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: Landes

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School counselors; staff time.

5. Summary: Requires each school counselor employed by a school board in a public elementary or secondary school to spend at least 80 percent of his staff time during normal school hours in the direct counseling of individual students or groups of students.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill, as the bill does not alter how the state recognizes funding for school counselors. Local school divisions may experience increased costs if they need to hire additional staff to assume duties previously performed by the school counselor. Any actual fiscal impact 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