

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1753

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" 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:** Sickles

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** School buildings; electronic room partitions; safety devices.

**5. Summary:** Requires that no school employee open or close an electric room partition in any school building unless meeting one of the following criteria. Either that (i) no student is present in such building or (ii) no student is present in the room or area in which the partition is located and such room or area is locked or otherwise inaccessible to students, or (iii) such partition includes a safety sensor that automatically stops the partition when a body passes between the leading edge and a wall, an opposing partition, or the stacking area. It also requires local school divisions to include information and demonstrations regarding the above provisions in their annual safety review or exercise for school employees. Lastly, the bill requires the Board of Education to make available model safety guidelines regarding the operation of electronic room partitions to each school board.

**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 impact to localities is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None