

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2486

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

2. **Patron:** Robinson

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Teacher licensure; licensure by reciprocity; alternate route to licensure.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education (Board), in its regulations providing for licensure by reciprocity, to grant special consideration to individuals who have successfully completed a program offered by a provider that is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. The bill also requires the Board to develop guidelines that establish a process to permit a school board or any organization sponsored by a school board to petition the Board for approval of an alternate route to licensure that may be used to meet the requirements for a provisional or renewable license or any endorsement. Any such alternate route may include alternatives to the regulatory requirements for teacher preparation, including alternative professional assessments and coursework. The petitioner may proffer or the Board may impose conditions in conjunction with the approval of such petition. The bill requires the Board to develop these guidelines no later than December 1, 2019.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 133.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2019	\$0	0	N/A
2020	\$25,000	0	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education’s (DOE) Office of Teacher Licensure does not have existing staff that can develop the guidelines prescribed by this bill. DOE estimates a state cost of \$25,000 in FY 2020 to support a six-month wage position to draft the guidelines that establish a process to permit a school board or any organization sponsored by a school board to petition the Board for approval of an alternate route to licensure that may be used to meet the requirements for a provisional or renewable license or any endorsement. Any additional state cost resulting from the volume of petitions permitted by this legislation is indeterminate at this time.

Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None