

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1258

<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:** Dunnavant

3. **Committee:** Finance

4. **Title:** School boards; personnel; behavior analysts.

5. **Summary:** Requires local school boards to employ one full-time equivalent licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst per five schools in the school division.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 136.

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

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$15.1 million	0	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education estimates an additional state cost of \$15.1 million in FY 2020 to meet the provisions of this bill. This estimate assumes the funded Standards of Quality salary and support benefit rates of a secondary teacher for the 2018-2020 biennium to calculate the state cost for licensed behavior analysts. The estimated state cost includes funding for the proposed 5.0 percent compensation supplement in FY 2020. Any state cost in future fiscal years is indeterminate and would be based on the Direct Aid to Public Education budget as rebenchmarked for future biennia.

Local school divisions would be required to provide the local share to match any additional state funds based on each division's local composite index and any additional funding needed to employ licensed behavior analysts or licensed assistant behavior analysts. Because some school divisions may be meeting these requirements currently, any actual cost to localities is indeterminate at this time.

The Department of Education would need to modify the Standards of Quality model to incorporate the calculation of a behavior analyst staffing ratio. The Department of Education anticipates that this work can be absorbed by existing staff.

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