

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB308

<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:** Hope

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Public elementary and secondary school students; excused absences; mental and behavioral health.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Education to establish and distribute to each school board no later than August 1, 2020, guidelines for the granting of an excused absence from school to a student due to his mental or behavioral health and requires any student who is absent from school due to his mental or behavioral health to be granted an excused absence, subject to such guidelines.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 143.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education (DOE) estimates a total state cost of \$10,000 in FY 2021 to meet the provisions of this bill. The August 1, 2020, deadline to establish and distribute these guidelines will require the support of consultants, with an estimated state cost of \$5,000. DOE estimates an additional state cost of \$5,000 to convene two stakeholder meetings.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** The Department of Education notes that it takes approximately six months to develop guidelines and receive feedback from stakeholders.