

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1599

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: Roem

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School boards; staffing ratios; librarians.

5. Summary: Requires school boards to employ librarians in accordance with the following ratios: in elementary schools, one part-time to 299 students, one full-time at 300 students, and two full-time at 700 students; in middle schools, one-half time to 299 students, one full-time at 300 students, two full-time at 800 students, and three full-time at 1,700 students; and in high schools, one half-time to 299 students, one full-time at 300 students, two full-time at 900 students, and three full-time at 1,800 students. Under current law, school boards are required to employ librarians in accordance with the following ratios: in elementary schools, one part-time to 299 students and one full-time at 300 students; in middle schools, one-half time to 299 students, one full-time at 300 students, and two full-time at 1,000 students; and in high schools, one half-time to 299 students, one full-time at 300 students, and two full-time at 1,000 students.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 145.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education estimates an additional state-share cost of \$13.9 million in FY 2021 and \$14.7 million in FY 2022 to support the additional librarians required by this bill. The additional state-share cost in outgoing fiscal years is indeterminate at this time and would be based on the Direct Aid to Public Education budget as rebenchmarked for future biennia.

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

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None