## Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

| 1. | Bill Number:    | HB1940 |              |           |            |  |           |
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|    | House of Origin |        | Introduced   | $\square$ | Substitute |  | Engrossed |
|    | Second House    |        | In Committee |           | Substitute |  | Enrolled  |

- **2. Patron:** Rasoul
- **3. Committee:** Education
- **4. Title:** Department of Education; guidelines on excused student absences; civic or political engagement.
- **5. Summary:** Requires, subject to guidelines established by the Department of Education, each school board to permit one school day-long excused absence per school year for any middle school or high school student in the local school division who is absent from school to engage in a civic or political event and may permit additional excused absences for such students who are absent for such purposes.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education can absorb any costs associated with establishing the guidelines proposed in this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, local school divisions
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No
- **11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to SB1439.