Department of Planning and Budget
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB127

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

2. **Patron:** Davis

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** Academic year Governor's Schools; certain practices prohibited and permitted.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits any academic year Governor's School or governing board member, director, administrator, or employee thereof from (i) discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin; (ii) engaging in proxy discrimination, as defined in the bill, in student admissions; or (iii) seeking information on students' race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin during the application process for admission to such school unless expressly required by federal law, and to the extent it is required by federal law, the bill requires such information to be withheld to the maximum extent practicable from any individual involved in admissions decisions to the end that admissions decisions are blind as to the applicants' race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin. The bill permits any academic year Governor's School or governing board member, director, administrator, or employee thereof to use traditional academic success factors, as defined in the bill, in student admissions and provides that such use presumptively does not constitute proxy discrimination. The bill also contains provisions relating to evidentiary burdens of proof in certain causes of action involving such proxy discrimination or traditional academic success factors.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** There is so anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None