

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1507

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: McGuire

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public elementary and secondary schools; fundamental right of parents.

5. Summary: Requires each school board to ensure that the fundamental right of parents of students enrolled in the local school division is recognized and protected and that if a school board amends or adopts a policy that impacts the fundamental right of parents the school board shall publicly make available a written statement that includes the rationale for the policy and a description of the impact. The bill provides any parent of a student enrolled in the local school division that prevails in a cause of action that he brought against the school board in the circuit court that has jurisdiction in the local school division for a violation of the fundamental right is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs. The bill also requires each local school board to provide opportunities for parental involvement in several ways, including providing to parents of students enrolled in the local school division direct access to and an opportunity to review, within a reasonable period of time upon request, the complete curricular content in the local school division and the option to opt out of policies, surveys, research studies, or programs of instruction that are inconsistent with the parent's beliefs, values, or goals and standards for his child.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact a result of the provisions of 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