

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2136

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: Delaney

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Removal or restriction of access to printed or audiovisual material in public school libraries.

5. Summary: Prohibits local school boards from removing or restricting access to printed or audiovisual materials available in public school libraries solely on the basis of the presence of characters, literary elements, themes, symbols, or other literary content relating to protected characteristics, including race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability or other medical condition, or protected classes as defined in relevant law. The bill further provides that each school board must apply review standards related to the removal or restriction of access to printed or audiovisual material in public secondary school libraries, including those involving sexual content or nudity, consistently and equally, free from viewpoint discrimination based on the presence of literary representations of or literary content relating to such protected classes or protected characteristics.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from 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