

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2439

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: Maldonado

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Elementary and secondary schools; temporary funding for instructional assistants.

5. Summary: Directs temporary funding to be provided to each elementary and secondary school identified as an underperforming school, as defined in the bill, for the purpose of hiring instructional assistants to aid and support teachers in providing small group and individualized instruction, meet the various instructional and behavioral needs of students, and reduce teacher workloads.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 137.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill directs that temporary funding shall be provided to school divisions but does not provide a mechanism for how these funds would be distributed or for how long. The Department of Education estimated a state cost for this fiscal impact statement based on a ratio of one aide position per 20 students in qualifying schools. The funded instructional aide salary used in the budget bill (HB1400/SB800) is \$21,304 in fiscal year 2024. Based on the assumed staffing ratio, DOE calculates an additional state cost of \$38.6 million in fiscal year 2024. The actual state cost is indeterminate at this time. Additional information would be required for DOE to calculate an actual state cost based on a staffing ratio.

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. The actual fiscal impact to local school divisions 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