

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2495H2

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Durant

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Establishment of Middle School Mathematics Innovation Zone Program.

5. Summary: Establishes the Middle School Mathematics Innovation Zone Program, to be administered by the Department of Education, for the purpose assisting local school divisions to implement competency-based mathematics education and evidence-based mathematics learning models for students enrolled in grades six, seven, and eight in a public middle school. The bill requires the Department to give preference in the provision of assistance pursuant to the program to public middle schools identified as in need of support, including schools that demonstrate need based on data from the immediately preceding school year on the grades five, six, and seven mathematics Standards of Learning assessments, rural schools, and schools in economically disadvantaged areas.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 129 and Item 137.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The additional state cost for the Middle School Mathematics Innovation Zone Program cannot be determined, as any cost is dependent on the amount of funding appropriated by the General Assembly for such grants. House amendments to the Governor's introduced budget, HB1400, direct \$7.0 million from the Laboratory Schools Fund to the Middle School Mathematics Innovation Zone Program.

The Department of Education would require an additional position to administer the program at a total annual cost of \$132,932, including salary, benefits, and technology beginning in fiscal year 2024. House amendments to HB1400 include \$132,932 and a position at DOE to support Innovative Initiatives including this program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None