

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB659

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| 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: Ballard

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public schools; open school enrollment policies and guidance.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board by August 1, 2024, model policies and guidance relating to open school enrollment detailing certain conditions, limitations, and procedures relating to the open enrollment process and nonresident students, defined as any student who is enrolled in a school within such student's school division but outside of the attendance area in which he resides pursuant to an open enrollment policy. The bill requires each school board to establish and implement policies to provide for open enrollment in accordance with the model policies and guidelines developed by the Board. Current law permits, but does not require, each school board to establish and implement policies providing for open enrollment.

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. The Department of Education can absorb any costs associated with developing model policies.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: If this bill were to pass the 2024 General Assembly Session, it would have an effective date of July 1, 2024. Given this, the Department of Education anticipates that a deadline of August 1, 2024, to have model policies fully developed and approved by the Board of Education may not be able to be met.

This bill is identical to SB552.