

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB142

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: Ruff

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Public school teachers; licensure requirements; one-year local eligibility license.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to include in its teacher licensure regulations provisions authorizing each school board to, upon recommendation of the division superintendent and in accordance with the criteria set forth in the bill, issue a one-year local eligibility license that is only valid within the issuing school division and renewable for no more than one additional year to any individual who (i) received a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, (ii) has experience or training in a subject or content area as the school board and division superintendent may deem appropriate for the applicable teaching position or endorsement area, and (iii) is not seeking to provide instruction in special education or eligible for collegiate professional or postgraduate professional licensure. The bill establishes several requirements, criteria, and conditions relating to a local eligibility license, including criteria and requirements relating to probationary terms of employment, eligibility for receiving a collegiate professional or postgraduate professional license after the expiration of the one-year eligibility license, and conditions that must be met before attaining continuing contract status. Finally, the bill requires the Board of Education to convene a work group to make recommendations on revising teacher licensure requirements to increase flexibility in licensure requirements and alternate routes to licensure and improve teacher recruitment and retention. The work group is required to submit a report on such recommendations to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the House Committee on Education by November 1, 2024.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 122

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the Board of Education to convene a work group on teacher licensure requirements. The Department of Education (DOE) would require one-time funding to support the work group at an estimated cost of \$80,000 in FY25. The Board can absorb any costs associated with updating teacher licensure regulations. Any impact to local school divisions to issue licenses is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None