Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2606 **Patron:** Ware

Bill Title: Students with disabilities; due process hearings; certain verified statement required of

complainant.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to due process hearings for students with disabilities to provide that a party may not have a due process hearing until that party or the attorney representing the party files a notice that includes a verified statement that the complaint includes only claims that are substantively different from any other claims still actively being considered or decisions rendered from a previously filed due process hearing request and for which all appeal procedures have been exhausted.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

Explanation: The Department of Education would have to devote additional staff time to update polices,

which can be absorbed within existing appropriation. Any impact to local school divisions is

indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: The Department and Board of Education would be required to update policies, procedures, and guidance, as well as develop training for hearing officers related to the new requirements for due process hearings. This work can be absorbed by existing staff. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None