

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1204

Patron: Scott, P.A.

Bill Title: Local governing bodies; appropriations of local school funds to families for compulsory student attendance in nonpublic school settings.

Bill Summary: Permits any local governing body to reserve per pupil amounts of apportioned Standards of Quality costs and appropriate such amounts to the parents of students in the local school division for the satisfaction of the compulsory attendance of their children in nonpublic school settings.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There may be an indeterminate state fiscal impact, as described below. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would allow local governments to appropriate local funding to parents of students in nonpublic school settings. If this allowance led to students leaving public schools and being removed from Average Daily Membership (ADM), then there may be a decrease in state funding provided to local school divisions through Direct Aid to Public Education. Any actual state fiscal impact is indeterminate.

The definitions of and requirements for local school divisions to maintain Required Local Expenditure for the Standards of Quality and Required Local Match for Lottery and Incentive programs are included in budget language under Item 125 and would not be changed by this bill. Localities would remain subject to these matching requirements in addition to any local funds appropriated to parents of students in nonpublic school settings. Any actual fiscal impact to localities is indeterminate.

Other: None