

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB686H1

Patron: Zehr

Bill Title: Board of Education; open school enrollment policies; guidance on best practices.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education to develop and make available to each school board guidance on best practices relating to open school enrollment policies, including addressing such considerations and best practices the Department deems appropriate, including applications, waitlists, capacity, tuition, transportation, student demand, equity, and nondiscrimination.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Education can absorb any impact to develop the guidance required by this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None