

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB677

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Simonds

3. **Committee:** Appropriations

4. **Title:** Superintendent of Public Instruction; employment of certified school library specialists.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to employ in the Department of Education at least one certified school library specialist who serves in a politically nonpartisan manner and who fulfills several duties enumerated in the bill, including providing leadership and technical assistance with the implementation and use of information literacy skills to support student achievement for local school divisions, Department staff, and other stakeholders and directing the implementation of state and national school library standards and consulting with and providing technical assistance to local school divisions relating to such standards.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 117.

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2025	\$158,880	1	General Fund
2026	\$158,880	1	General Fund
2027	\$158,880	1	General Fund
2028	\$158,880	1	General Fund
2029	\$158,880	1	General Fund
2030	\$158,880	1	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require the Department of Education to employ an additional position, a certified school library specialist, at an estimated annual cost of \$158,880, including salary, benefits, and technology.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. Other Comments: None