

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB283H1

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

2. **Patron:** Roem

3. **Committee:** Education

4. **Title:** School meals; availability at no cost to students, report.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, to convene a stakeholder work group to (i) study the estimated impact of offering free school meals to students statewide, (ii) identify options to reduce or eliminate student and school meal debt, and (iii) make recommendations regarding options to leverage other programs funded at the state and federal levels for student school meals. The work group shall be chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and shall include relevant stakeholders, including representatives of local school divisions and individuals with expertise in providing innovative solutions at the state and local levels to provide free school meals to students. The bill requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education Funding by November 1, 2024.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education and the Secretary of Education's office can absorb any costs associated with convening a work group and developing a report.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None