

FISCAL NOTE

November 21, 2017

Bill No:	HB 1386	Printer's No:	2607	Sponsor:	Phillips-Hill (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
General Fund	\$ 620,000	\$ 460,000

SUMMARY: The bill would revise the levels of teacher certification by grade span and age.

ANALYSIS: The bill would revise the types of instructional certificates issued by the Department of Education (PDE) after December 31, 2021. The bill would define the certificates as reflected in the below chart:

Current Certificates	Proposed Certificates	Grade span	Age levels
PreK-4 (Ages 3-9)	Early childhood	PreK – 4	3-9
Elementary/Middle Grades 4-8 (Ages 9-14)	Elementary	K – 6	4-11
	Middle	6 – 9	11-15
Grades 7-12 (Ages 11-21)	Secondary	7 – 12	11-21
PreK-12 (Ages up to 21)	Specialized areas	PreK – 12	Up to 21
Special Education PreK-8 (Ages 3-14)	Special education	PreK – 12	Up to 21
Special Education Grades 7-12 (Ages 11-21)			
Special Education Hearing/Visually/Speech-Language Impaired PreK-12 (Ages 3-21)			

All certificates issued prior to December 31, 2021 would remain valid until the term of the certificate expires. The bill would require PDE to develop a process for current certificate holders to expand their certifications into the new configuration.

The act would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: The bill would have a fiscal impact of \$620,000 in the 2017-18 fiscal year and \$460,000 in the 2018-19 fiscal year. PDE would incur significant costs to make the changes provided for in the bill, as it will be required to revise its certificate review process. To do so, PDE

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would need to hire at least three additional higher education liaisons and several administrative support positions. The bill would have a recurring personnel cost of \$ 460,000.

The Public School Code requires that Program Framework Guidelines be created for all new certification programs. As such, a guideline writing committee must be created for each certificate level, five in total. Each committee would be led by a contracted facilitator and consist of 20 members. The cost for the five committees would be \$60,000 for five paid facilitators and reasonable travel and lodging expenses for committee member meetings. The process would take one to two years to complete so the expenses may be spread over multiple fiscal years or may all fall within one fiscal year. In this note, all committee costs re shown in the current fiscal year. Additionally, once the guidelines are established an online application would need to be created to track the progress of certificate applicants in meeting the guideline requirements. Building this application would have a one-time cost of \$100,000 and shown in the current fiscal year in this note.

Cost	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Personnel	\$ 460,000	\$ 460,000
Program Framework Guidelines committees	\$ 60,000	-
Web application development	\$ 100,000	-
TOTAL	\$ 620,000	\$ 460,000