

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB251

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Simonds

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School boards and local governing bodies; unexpended local funds; maintenance and construction.

5. Summary: Encourages each school board to enter into a collaborative agreement with the local governing body to set aside in a separate fund any sums appropriated to the school board by the local governing body that are unexpended by the school board in any year in order to use such sums to finance school maintenance, renovation, or construction in the local school division. The bill declares any school board that fails to enter into such a collaborative agreement ineligible to participate in any state grant, loan, or bond program that supports school maintenance, renovation, or construction. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on School Construction and Modernization.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from collaborative agreements between local school boards and local governing bodies concerning local funds. The Department of Education may experience increased administrative costs in order to determine eligibility to participate in any state school construction funding program. Any impact to localities or local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions, localities, Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB608, SB276, and is identical to SB481.