

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB659

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

**2. Patron:**    Ballard

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:**    Public schools; open school enrollment policies and guidance.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to develop and make available to each school board guidance on best practices relating to open school enrollment including guidance on: (i) the student application process; (ii) the maintenance of a waitlist and for the random selection of applications; (iii) processes for reporting and making publicly available the open enrollment capacity of each school; (iv) the prohibition against charging tuition or fees; (v) student transportation; (vi) processes for reviewing disciplinary actions that may disqualify students from utilizing the open school enrollment policy; and (vii) the continued enrollment of students.

**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 the provisions of this bill. The Department of Education can absorb any costs associated with developing model policies.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to SB552.