

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1351

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

**2. Patron:**        Ramadan

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:**         Diploma seals; biliteracy.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would direct the Board of Education to award diploma seals for biliteracy when students meet certain criteria for general academic achievement and demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language through certain testing or coursework.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill is not anticipated to have a state fiscal impact. There is a minimal cost to establish the criteria and the print and distribute the seals, but it can be absorbed by the Department of Education. There could be a fiscal impact to the local school divisions to assess students' eligibility for the biliteracy seal.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** Similar to SB916.

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