

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB2621

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Sherwood

3. Committee Senate: Education and Health

4. Title Schools safety audits.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill directs local school boards to require schools to conduct schools safety audits annually, requires the audit to include specific recommendations, and provides that the results of such schools safety audits shall be made public within 90 days of completion. However, the local school board retains authority to withhold or limit the release of any security plans and specific vulnerability assessment components, which are provided an exemption from the Freedom of Information Act.

6. No State Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: In its guidelines to school divisions, the Board of Education currently recommends that schools safety audits be conducted on a three year cycle, so that school divisions with large numbers of schools may stagger the audits. Currently, most school divisions conduct schools safety audits using school division personnel. If school divisions are required to perform annual audits, then additional resources may be needed at a local level, particularly for those divisions with a large number of schools. The amount of resources would vary by division and cannot be quantified.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: local school divisions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education