

**Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB827ER

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

2. Patron: Smith

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: **Family life education; value and benefits of marriage to list of topics covered**

5. Summary: Adds the benefits, challenges, responsibilities and value of marriage for men, women, children, and communities to the list of topics to be covered in family life education curricula.

6. Fiscal Impact: Indeterminate. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation broadens the range of topics covered by the family life education curriculum in grades K through 12 to include instruction on the benefits, challenges, responsibilities, and value of marriage for men, women, children, and communities. The bill does not define the benefits, challenges, responsibilities, and value to be incorporated into the curriculum, making it difficult to ascertain any potential costs resulting from its passage.

If curriculum changes are required, there would be some administrative costs associated with the development and passage of new family life education guidelines by the Board of Education. There also may be costs associated with the procurement of new instructional materials that include information on the benefits, challenges, responsibilities, and value of marriage based on the revised guidelines. Given the extent of curriculum changes are unknown at this time, it is not possible to reliably estimate the potential cost of this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education and local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB1746.

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