



SENATE BILL 78: Cost to Comply/Fed Ed Funds/PED Study.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	June 29, 2017
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OVERVIEW: *The 2nd edition of Senate Bill Senate Bill 78 would study the financial costs to the State and local school administrative units of compliance with federal mandates related to the receipt of federal education funding. Additionally, it would create the Joint Legislative Study Commission on Efficiency and Cost-Savings in State Government.*

PART I

BILL ANALYSIS: Part I of SB 78 would require the Department of Public Instruction to study, report, and provide any supporting data to the Fiscal Research Division and the Program Evaluation Division (PED) of the General Assembly on the cost of compliance with federal education funding mandates to local school administrative units.

Additionally, SB 78 would direct the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee to consider including in the 2017-2018 Work Plan for PED an evaluation of the cost of compliance with federal education funding mandates for K-12 education. If included in the Work Plan, PED will report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at a date to be determined by the Committee.

PART II

BILL ANALYSIS: Part II of SB 78 would create the 10-member Joint Legislative Study Commission on Efficiency and Cost-Savings in State Government (Commission). Starting with the Department of State, the Commission would use a zero-based budgeting review process to study whether there are obsolete programs, cost-reduction opportunities in State government, and any cases where existing funds could be redirected to meet new and changing demands for public services.

The Commission would be directed to make an interim report to the 2018 Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly and a final report to the 2019 General Assembly. The Commission would terminate upon the filing of its final report or the convening of the 2019 General Assembly, whichever is earlier

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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