

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1056

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Quayle

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Substitution of certain tests.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Requires the Board of Education to authorize, in its regulations for accrediting public schools in Virginia, the substitution of industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of Learning assessments for the purpose of awarding verified units of credit for career and technical education courses, where appropriate. This bill also amends Standard 3 of the Standards of Quality to mandate that the Board provide, in the requirements for the verified units of credit stipulated for obtaining the standard or advanced studies diploma, that appropriate and relevant industry certification or state licensure examinations may be substituted for correlated Standards of Learning examinations and that students completing career and technical education programs that are designed to enable such students to pass such industry certification examinations or state licensure examinations may be awarded, upon obtaining satisfactory scores on such industry certification or licensure examinations, appropriate verified units of credit for one or more career and technical education classes into which relevant Standards of Learning for various classes taught at the same level have been integrated. Such industry certification and state licensure examinations may cover relevant standards of learning for various required classes and may, at the discretion of the Board, address various standards of learning for several required courses.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Education, local school boards

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This proposal authorizes use of industry certification and state licensure exams for awarding credits for career and technical education courses. Currently, there are no specific end-of-course tests for these courses and the Board of Education is currently working toward the goal of allowing students to make the substitution as proposed by this bill. This

proposal may require changes to the Standards of Accreditation (SOA).

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