

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact
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Bill: HB 1038

Patron: Crittenden

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In accordance with the provisions of Sections 30-19.03 through 30-19.03:1.1 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced bill:

I. Bill Summary

HB 1038 requires instruction in art, music, physical education and health on the elementary school level. The bill adds the provision to the Standards of Quality (SOQ) under Standard 1 “Basic skills, selected programs, and instructional personnel.” The bill has the effect of codifying school accreditation provisions currently contained in state regulations, but not in state law. The bill further provides for basic school aid funding of the required new art, music, physical education, and health teaching positions in the appropriations act, with funding based on prevailing statewide costs.

II. Fiscal Impact Analysis

HB 1038 includes elementary school level instruction in art, music, physical education and health within the SOQ covered by state basic school aid. The bill, therefore, increases the amount of state basic school aid distributed to the localities.

As in the case of any new SOQ requirement, the fiscal impact on an individual locality depends on the extent to which the locality already meets the requirement. There would be a positive fiscal impact on a locality already providing the required additional instruction and receiving additional state aid. On the other hand, a locality required to hire additional personnel to meet new instruction requirements could be required to make significant new expenditures, despite receipt of state aid to cover a portion of the costs.

III. Conclusion

Fiscal impact of HB 1038 on the localities depends on the extent to which they already provide the required instruction. A locality required to hire new personnel could incur significant additional costs.