

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1346

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Christian

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Teaching Loan Scholarship Program.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill extends eligibility for the Virginia Teaching Loan Scholarships to students enrolled in an alternative teacher licensure program approved by the Board of Education and to persons identified by local school boards with a shortage of teachers in any discipline or at any grade level in which the local school board determines that a shortage of teachers exists. The bill clarifies that students enrolled in any area of an approved teacher education program who are seeking endorsements in elementary or middle school education and whose program's requirements are also eligible to receive such awards.

6. Fiscal Impact: (See 8.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes HB30 - Item 138, this bill is the companion legislation to a proposed budget amendment that makes language in the budget pertaining to the Virginia Teaching Loan Scholarship Program consistent with § 22.1-290.01, the applicable statute.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill extends eligibility of the Virginia Teaching Loan Scholarship Program to encompass individuals who are switching careers to become part of the teaching field. Currently, the program is funded at fixed \$588,000 annually, which covers awards to applicants teaching in critical shortage areas. Awards are available for up to 150 full-time students, and applications for the program annually total over 250. The number of increased applications for the program under the provisions of this bill is not known.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

Date: 2/04/02/acd

Document: H: \BOS\K12 Legislation \2002 Session \HB1346.doc.

cc: Secretary of Education
Secretary of Finance