

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB46

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Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Hamilton

3. **Committee** Education

4. **Title** School crisis and emergency management plans.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This bill adds incidents involving weapons of mass destruction to those crises and events that must be addressed in the school crisis and emergency plan to be developed by each public school in the Commonwealth. Currently, the crises and events to be addressed include various natural disasters; medical emergencies; student or staff member deaths; explosions; bomb threats; gun, knife or other weapon threats; spills or exposure to hazardous substances; the presence of unauthorized persons or trespassers; the loss, disappearance or kidnapping of a student; hostage situations; violence on school property or at school activities; and other incidents posing a serious threat of harm to students, personnel, or facilities.

6. **Fiscal Impact (See 8.)**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** It is anticipated that the provisions of this bill (to add incidents involving weapons of mass destruction to school crisis and emergency management plans) would have minimal fiscal impact at the state and local levels. The Board of Education's model school crisis and emergency management already includes sections addressing such emergencies as:

- Aircraft disasters, including a crash into or near a building;
- Bomb threats;
- The destruction of part or all of a building due to plane crashes or bombings;
- Disasters from dangers outside preventing dismissal/evacuation; and
- Explosives.

The Department of Education is currently revising its crisis management resource guide to include responses to terrorism.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Local school divisions.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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