

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB794

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

2. **Patron** Bolvin

3. **Committee** Senate: Education and Health

4. **Title** Textbook selection.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This engrossed bill directs the Board of Education, in making selections for basal textbooks for reading in kindergarten through third grade to establish a minimum decodability standard based on words that students can correctly read by properly attaching speech sounds to each letter to formulate the word at seventy percent or above for such textbooks.

In November 2001, in response to HJR 794, the Department of Education and the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) completed a study entitled, *A Study of the Proficiency of Virginia Teachers in Teaching Systematic Explicit Phonics*. This study recommended that an acceptable standard of decodability for first grade materials be included as one of the criteria in Virginia's textbook adoption process.

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

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill has no state fiscal impact.

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

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

11. **Other comments:** None.

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Secretary of Finance