

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB201

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Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Houck

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Standards of Quality revisions.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill requires the Board of Education to propose revisions to the Standards of Quality in the odd-numbered years that reflect the prevailing practices of the Commonwealth's school divisions. The annual report on public education must contain the revised standards of quality prescribed by the Board for the school divisions of the Commonwealth. In addition, the budget estimates reported pursuant to § 2.2-1504 must take into consideration the Board's revised standards of quality.

6. Fiscal Impact: (See 8.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: In its report on elementary and secondary school funding, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) concluded that the Board should address the issue of resource needs for the public school system in its annual report and should review the adequacy of current quantified standards pertaining to resource needs, recommending changes to the General Assembly, if appropriate. This bill appears to address this recommendation.

The Board has begun the process of establishing a schedule for comprehensive review of the Standards of Quality (SOQ) and assessment of the condition and needs of public education as part of the preparation of its annual report. A SOQ standing committee has been formed to determine the information to be used for the assessment of public education, the appropriateness of a review and possible revision of the SOQ, the process to be followed, and the timeline for a report to the full board. The results of the board's review and recommended changes to the SOQ will be communicated to the Governor and to the General Assembly.

Additional staff time will be needed to prepare a report that includes the elements outlined in this bill. Since the Board is already addressing changes to the annual report through the SOQ standing committee, the staff time should be minimal.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is the same as SB409.

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