

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB1498

**House of Origin**      ☐ Introduced      ☐ Substitute      ☒ Engrossed

**Second House**      ☒ In Committee      ☐ Substitute      ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**      Lingamfelter

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

**4. Title**      Character education; Virginia Statement of Values.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill modifies the current character education requirement to require instruction in what is designated as the "Virginia Statement of Values" -- the principles articulated in the first sentence of Section 15 and the first two sentences of Section 16 of Article I of the Virginia Constitution (Bill of Rights) and those represented by the obverse and reverse sides of the Seal of the Commonwealth.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** The substitute of HB1498 no longer mandates that the Virginia Statement of Values be posted in all public school classrooms. Therefore, the local fiscal impact no longer exists.

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

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Education  
Secretary of Finance