

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2243

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Watts

**3. Committee** Appropriations

**4. Title** Standards of Quality; apportionment of state and local share.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill directs the General Assembly, in apportioning the state and local share for the costs of meeting the Standards of Quality, beginning July 1, 2004, to implement a formula that determines each locality's ability to pay based on the ratios of (i) the total value of real estate in the locality adjusted by the index used for the pay differential for state employees residing in that locality to the statewide value of real estate per person; (ii) the median value of residential real estate in the locality to the statewide median value of residential real estate; (iii) sales subject to the state sales tax in the locality to the statewide sales subject to the state sales tax per person; (iv) revenue collected from the local personal property tax to the revenue collected statewide from the local personal property tax, and (v) revenue collected from local lodging, local cigarette, and local meal taxes to the revenue collected statewide from these local lodging, cigarette, and meal taxes, as provided in the appropriation act.

These ratios are to be calculated on the basis of average daily membership (ADM) and per capita. To determine each locality's composite index, the following formula would be used: (1) the sum of the ratios calculated on the basis of ADM for each locality shall be divided by the sum of the ADM ratios for all localities; (2) the sum of the ratios calculated on a per capita basis for each locality shall be divided by the sum of the ADM ratios for all localities; (3) the locality's ratio calculated on the basis of ADM shall be multiplied by .66 and the locality's ratio calculated on a per capita basis shall be multiplied by .33. The sum of the two adjusted ratios shall be defined as the composite index. Tax values and population estimates used shall be those for the fiscal year ending one year prior to the fiscal year in which the distribution takes place.

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

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Although the bill is effective July 1, 2004, additional resource in the Department of Taxation would be required in FY 2004. Language in the Budget Bill related to the composite index calculation would also need to be revised in future biennia.

**8. Fiscal implications:** In order to implement the provisions of this bill, the state must have data related to real estate, sales tax, personal property tax and local taxes. Some of this

information (i.e. sale tax) is already being collected. The state would have to collect information on the value of real estate and personal property tax information in every locality. Since the Department of Taxation collects and maintains tax data, it is assumed that the additional data collection responsibilities would be assumed by this agency. Data collection methods would need to be established and system changes would be needed. Because of the volume of information collected by the department under the provisions of this bill, additional hardware may be needed to accommodate storage issues. Also, resources would be needed to respond to inquiries from the public regarding personal property tax and real estate values. Because the amount of additional data collection cannot be estimated nor can the number of public inquiries for such data, the impact on the department cannot be determined.

Since all of the tax data needed to perform the computations outlined in this bill are not available, the fiscal impact of this bill on educational programs beginning in the 2004-2006 biennium at both the state and local level cannot be estimated.

Furthermore, the bill does not specify whether actual ADM or projected ADM should be used in the composite index calculation. Actual ADM will not be known for the current fiscal year until the Spring of 2004.

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

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

**11. Other comments:** The bill also requires that tax values and population estimates for the most recent fiscal year (for FY 2004, FY 2003 values) be used to calculate the composite index. Currently, the 2002-2004 education program budget uses 1999 tax data as the basis for the 2002-2004 composite index. The collection and analysis of tax data could not be performed in enough time to meet the priority year provision of this bill. Also, the composite index is currently re-based every two years. This bill calls for such re-basing on an annual basis. For instance, by the time the most recent fiscal year tax data becomes available for FY 2003, it would be late into the fiscal year in FY 2004, and actual payments to local school divisions could deviate materially from estimates.

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