

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB710

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Puller

3. Committee House: Education

4. Title Standards of Quality; appropriate learning environment.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill amends Standard 1 of the Standards of Quality to express the belief of the General Assembly and the Board of Education that the quality of public education is dependent upon an appropriate learning environment within school facilities built and equipped to meet the Standards of Quality. Standard 1 currently acknowledges the need for quality instruction as supported by appropriate benefits and compensation.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The engrossed bill has no fiscal impact. The Board of Education has promulgated regulations that address the need for an appropriate learning environment. These regulations require schools to be maintained in accordance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Schools must also have suitable space and have "adequate, safe, and properly -equipped laboratories". In its introduced form, this bill also had no fiscal impact because it relates to a specific goal of Standard 1 and did not address funding or specific standards for capital construction.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: HB1493 is a companion bill.

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cc: Secretary of Education
Secretary of Finance