## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number HB1013			
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron I	Dillard		

- **3. Committee** Senate: Education and Health
- **4. Title** At Risk Student Academic Achievement Program.
- **5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill creates the At-Risk Student Achievement Grants Program and Fund. The program would be administered by the Board of Education (BOE), with the fund established as a special, nonreverting fund comprised of gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds. The fund would be managed by the Department of Treasury (DOT), with the Board of Education having disbursement authority.

Disbursements from the fund could be made for noncompetitive grants to school divisions to implement programs designed to: 1) improve the academic achievement of at-risk public school students on Standards of Learning assessments; 2) decrease the rate of dropout among at-risk public school students; and 3) increase the number of such students obtaining the advanced studies diploma. All grants would require local matching funds and would be designed to supplement existing programs. The Board of Education also has the authority to issue guidelines governing the program.

- 6. Fiscal Impact: See Item 8.
- **7. Budget amendment necessary:** A budget amendment to Direct Aid would be necessary if this bill were enacted to provide the appropriation authority for expenditures of the funds.
- **8. Fiscal implications:** The bill has no fiscal impact unless funds are appropriated to the At-Risk Student Achievement Grants Fund. Department of Education staff resources may be needed in order to establish BOE guidelines for any grant awards. DOT would incur costs to manage the fund.

The amendments to the bill do not affect the fiscal impact.

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

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

**11. Other comments:** HB1270 increases the sales and use tax by ½ percent, with the proceeds dedicated to public education. One half of the revenues generated from this increase would

be deposited to the At-Risk Student Achievement Fund. (HB1270 contains the identical provisions of HB1013.) All estimates of sales and use tax are forecast by the Tax department.

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