

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB315

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Howell

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Green schools program; education programs to promote

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill authorizes the Board of Education to assist local school boards in the development and implementation of programs of instruction that comply with the provisions of Standard 1 of the Standards of Quality, specifically relating to citizenship and environmental issues and geography necessary for responsible participation in American society and the international community, by cooperating with the environmental groups, other relevant state agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health, and other stakeholders in the development of a green schools program for Virginia. Any such green schools program will focus on waste reduction through recycling and other mechanisms and educating students to help schools contain costs and to reduce waste production through resource efficiency. In the development and implementation of any such program, the Board must examine other states' green schools programs and must receive input from parents, teachers, school administrators, school boards, business and industry leaders, and local governments. The Board must also strive to identify businesses and other organizations that may provide support in the form of resources or funding for appropriate awards for any green schools program that may be implemented in the Commonwealth. This provision must not be construed to require the Board or any school board in the Commonwealth to implement a green school program or to imply or otherwise indicate that state or local funding is required to develop or implement any green school program.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill states that “nothing herein shall be construed to require the Board or any school board in the Commonwealth to implement a green school program or otherwise indicate that state or local funding is required to develop or implement any green school program”. In this case, this bill has no fiscal impact. However, if the Board of Education and local school division boards decide to implement a green program there obviously would be some costs to develop, administer, coordinate, and implement the program.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local school divisions, Board of Education

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education