

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2610

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Baskerville

3. Committee Education

4. Title Obesity, health and physical education in the public schools.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill amends §§ 22.1-207, 22.1-207.3, and 22.1-253.13:1 to update and strengthen the requirements for health and physical education instruction in the public schools, and to address the problem of obesity among students through required instruction concerning certain health issues and the health consequences of obesity. This bill requires a comprehensive health and physical education program in grades kindergarten through grade 12, and that the Board of Education prescribe the program in its Standards of Learning for Health and for Physical Education. However, the Board is not required to evaluate student achievement on these objectives in the Standards of Learning assessments. Also, the bill requires that school boards that choose to implement school breakfast programs comply with the National School Lunch Program's regulations governing Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and disseminate information concerning the health consequences of obesity to students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and school nurses. In addition, under the Standards of Quality, school boards are required to emphasize good nutrition and physical fitness and exercise in health and physical education programs in the middle and high school grades, as well as at the elementary level.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill has a minimal fiscal impact. No additional department staff would be needed to fulfill its requirements. The Department of Education has developed resources to help school divisions develop curriculum for health and physical education that would satisfy the provisions in this bill.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: School divisions, Department of Education.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education