

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB74 ER

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Houck

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Education; revision of teacher licensure requirements and regulations; teacher education programs.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Revises statutes governing teacher licensure regulations and regulation of teacher education programs by repealing the current statutes and reenacting teacher licensure and teacher education program provisions. The bill provides that the Board of Education (BOE) must prescribe, by regulation, the requirements for licensure of teachers and other school personnel. The Board's regulations must include requirements that a person seeking initial licensure complete professional assessments prescribed by the Board and complete study in attention deficit disorder, gifted education, and family involvement in student learning. In addition, every person seeking initial licensure or licensure by renewal must demonstrate proficiency in the use of educational technology and receive professional development in instructional methods promoting student academic progress and Standards of Learning assessments. Persons seeking initial licensure or first-time licensure renewal must complete prescribed study in child abuse. All persons seeking licensure with an endorsement as a teacher of the blind and visually impaired must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing Braille. The Board's regulations must also provide for licensure of principals and assistant principals contingent upon a prescribed assessment; criteria to effectuate the substitution of experiential learning for coursework for those seeking initial licensure through an alternate route; and licensure by reciprocity. The Board's regulations may provide for provisional licensure valid for up to three years.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: None.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, public institutions of higher education.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill aligns the *Code of Virginia* with the BOE recommendations on licensure requirements.

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