

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1913

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Ward

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Teaching Scholarship Loan Program; revises and reorganizes section to make it consistent.

5. Summary/Purpose: Revises and reorganizes the section to make it consistent with language in the general appropriation act. The bill revises the intent of the Teacher Scholarship Loan Program, so that it is established to (i) increase the number of teacher candidates pursuing careers in critical teacher shortage areas, as defined by the Board of Education; (ii) expand eligibility to teacher candidates, including graduate students and paraprofessionals from Virginia school divisions, who are enrolled full-time or part-time in approved teacher education programs; and (iii) increase diversity of persons pursuing careers in teaching, including male teacher candidates enrolled in elementary or middle school education programs and minority teacher candidates enrolled in any teaching endorsement area.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation makes several amendments to the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program to comport with language in the appropriation act. This program provides financial support to students who are preparing to teach in one of Virginia's critical shortage areas or who are willing to teach in a school with a high concentration of low income students. Approximately 150 awards in amounts up to \$3,720 are made to eligible applicants. The Department of Education is responsible for determining the critical shortage areas annually using the Supply and Demand Survey of Administrative and Instructional Personnel, which is distributed to all school divisions.

The proposed changes in this bill **do not** impact funding for this program, which consists of "such moneys as may be appropriated for the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program and such gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf by the Board of Education." Therefore, assuming that the appropriation for this program will remain at its current level, this legislation will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, local school divisions, and teachers.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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