

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB492

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Frederick

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Textbooks; availability for home use.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that each local school division shall, in providing textbooks and workbooks free of charge for each child attending public schools, ensure that such textbooks and workbooks are available in sufficient quantity to provide each student an individual copy that may be used at home unless all required course materials are available on school-issued computers that may be used by students at home.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Governor's introduced 2006-2008 Budget (HB/SB 30) includes an appropriation of \$68.6 million the first year and \$69.2 million the second year from the general fund for the state's share of the cost of textbooks based on a per pupil amount of \$101.81 each year. State funds for textbooks, which are a part of the Standards of Quality (SOQ), are distributed based on adjusted March 31 Average Daily Membership (ADM).

This bill would likely require some school divisions to purchase more textbooks to ensure that all students can take them home or require them to make computers containing the materials available to students. There is no state fiscal impact in 2006-2008; the cost of providing additional textbooks available for home use is the responsibility of the local school board. However, there is likely a funding impact for this measure in future biennia, as there could be an impact on the linear weighted average textbook per pupil cost funded in the SOQ.

This future state share of cost would likely occur in the SOQ rebenchmarking for the 2010-2012 biennium. This biennial rebenchmarking would be affected by the impact of this bill in the base-year costs (FY 2008) used for rebenchmarking. At this time, there is no reliable way to estimate the additional costs that could be generated for the 2010-2012 biennium and beyond.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local school divisions.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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