

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1440

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Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hull

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: **Kidney disease screening for public school students.**

5. Summary: Directs each school board to provide parent educational information or, within time periods specified in Board of Education regulations, to implement a program of regular screening for kidney disease for pupils at all grade levels, unless such students are pupils admitted for the first time to a public school and have been tested as part of the required comprehensive physical examination, or the parents of such students have indicated their preference that their children not participate in such screening. Local school boards are to develop procedures for parents to indicate their desire to opt out.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation requires local school divisions to either provide educational information to parents regarding kidney disease or implement a program of regular screening for the disease for pupils at all grade levels, unless the child was already screened as part of the comprehensive physical examination required by §22.1-270 or the parents of such students elect for their child not to participate in the screenings.

The Department of Education (DOE) would be required to promulgate regulations for the implementation of the screenings. DOE estimates that there would be some administrative cost associated with writing and implementing the required regulations but that costs would be adsorbed within current resources

If local school divisions choose only to provide information on kidney disease to parents, DOE anticipates that local school divisions would incur some administrative costs. However, if local school divisions decide to implement a screening program and find no professional health care providers willing to conduct the screening at no charge, the divisions would incur the full cost of the testing. At this time, there is no way for DOE to reliably estimate the number of divisions that would choose to implement the screening, nor can it be determined how many divisions would be successful at obtaining the testing services at no charge. As a result DOE is unable to provide an estimate of the fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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c: Secretary of Education