

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB417

House of Origin	<u>  X  </u>	Introduced	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>      </u>	In Committee	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marshall, R.G.

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** **Certain information required on birth certificates for entrance to public schools.**

**5. Summary:** Requires principals or their designees to record in the pupil's permanent school record the place and country of birth collected from information obtained on the birth certificate or affidavit submitted in lieu of the birth certificate. This bill also requires each school board to collect and report from the birth certificates and affidavits, the number of pupils without identifiable information enrolled in the public schools of the school division, by place and country of birth. Local school boards and the Superintendent of Public Instruction must also collect similar information during the triennial school census and report the findings on their websites and make the information available in writing upon request.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation requires that additional information regarding birth place and country be collected by school divisions for all pupils enrolled in public schools in the division and posted on the division's website. It is anticipated that school divisions will incur some administrative costs associated with the collection and reporting of this information. . In addition, to obtain birthplace/country data could result in additional local costs if there is non-response on the new information requested. Another potential fiscal impact could be lower response on the Triennial Census which could affect divisions' sales tax distribution.

In addition, this legislation instructs the Department of Education to collect the information from school divisions as part of the triennial census of school-age children in the Commonwealth. It is anticipated that any administrative costs associated with adding these fields to the census forms would be negligible and absorbed within current resources.

**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