

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB613

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                  In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Poisson

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:**            **Licensure of certain school personnel.**

**5. Summary:** Provides that only classroom teachers must be licensed to teach in the public schools and removes the licensure requirements for division superintendents, principals, and assistant principals. This bill provides that, effective July 1, 2008, board regulations and local school board policies may establish minimum requirements for such positions, but may not require the completion of a degree or coursework or specialized training currently required for licensure as a division superintendent, principal, and assistant principal. The bill also provides that any person holding a license in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the Board of Education may teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth. Persons who would teach in the public schools must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a majority of the credit hours earned for the degree concentrated in a subject taught in the public schools. The Board's regulations must also require that a majority of credit hours earned, or coursework or in-service training hours completed for the renewal of a license must be concentrated in a subject taught in the public schools. Further, the Board of Education may not require more than nine credit hours in pedagogical or non-instructional related courses as a condition of licensure or licensure renewal. The licensure requirements of other professionals employed by local school boards who are licensed to practice their professions by other professional boards in the Commonwealth remain in effect.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	(\$100,000)	0	Special
2010	(\$100,000)	0	Special
2011-2014	Indeterminate	0	Special

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The estimate revenue loss from foregone teaching license fees is based on 2007 data and assuming a start date of July 1, 2008. School division superintendents, principles and assistant principals are currently required to pay a license fee, this fee and subsequent renewal fees would no longer be collected by the Commonwealth. Fees from the licensure are to be utilized by the Department of Education (DOE) to defray all, or any part of,

the expenses incurred by DOE in issuing or accounting for teaching certificates. The fee schedule shall take into account the actual costs of issuing certificates. There is not enough information at this time to determine whether the fee schedule would need to be adjusted. If and when that determination is made, only the Board of Education has the authority to adjust the schedule. It is anticipated that any reduction in expenditures would be adjusted during the next budget cycle.

**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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