

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB124E

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Education & Health

4. Title: Superintendent of Public Instruction; eliminating trans fats.

5. Summary: Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, based on U.S. Food and Drug Administration's standards for trans fats, to develop guidelines with the goal of eliminating foods containing trans fatty acids from public schools. The gradual elimination shall begin with the elimination of trans fats from vegetable oils used in school cafeterias. The final goal shall be to eliminate trans fats in all (i) foods sold as part of the official school breakfast and lunch programs, (ii) foods sold in vending machines on school grounds, and (iii) competitive foods sold during school hours.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$57,000	0	GF
2010	\$57,000	0	GF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 139.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation will require staff time to conduct the necessary research to develop such guidelines. The issue of eliminating trans fats from schools is complicated by a number of factors, including availability of such foods, supplier networks, and price, which will vary by region of the state. Such foods are probably far more accessible in heavily populated areas like Northern Virginia than in rural areas such as Southwest Virginia. Therefore, such guidelines may need to be developed on a regional basis, which would require additional time. The estimated state share of cost is \$57,000 each year for FY 2009 and FY 2010, which includes one wage position. This amount covers the research, development, dissemination and updating of guidelines to school divisions. After the guidelines are completed the ongoing task of monitoring and updating the guidelines would be absorbed within the Department of Education's 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