

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1767

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

2. Patron: Dance

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Certain honorary diplomas

5. Summary: Requires that the Board of Education award an honorary high school diploma to veterans of the Vietnam War who, as secondary school students, enlisted or were drafted to serve in any branch of the United States Armed Forces during the war between 1959 and 1975, and were unable to complete their secondary education upon return to civilian life.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation adds veterans of the Vietnam War to the list of veterans of the United States Armed Services who are eligible to receive an honorary high school diploma from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Currently, only veterans of World War II and the Korean War are eligible for such diplomas. It is unknown how many veterans will apply to receive a diploma under the provisions of this legislation. However, the Department of Education anticipates any administrative costs associated with this bill can be absorbed within the current resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education