

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1980

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: McClellan

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Family life education; right of parents to review certain materials.

5. Summary: Requires school divisions to include a detailed statement in the summary already required by law to be issued to parents and guardians to assist them in understanding the family life education program implemented in the school division. Additionally, if the curriculum of the program offers only abstinence education the following statements must be included in the summary: (i) the child is receiving abstinence-only education, (ii) the program does not conform to the Virginia Board of Education Guidelines for Family Life Education, (iii) parents and guardians have the right to review all written and audiovisual educational materials used in the program, and (iv) parents and guardians have the right to remove the child from all or part of family life education instruction.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation requires local school boards to distribute a summary of the family life education curriculum to the parents or guardians of students participating in the program. Currently, school boards are required to provide such information upon request but do not have to proactively distribute the material to every parent or guardian. Additional distribution requirements will result in additional administrative costs for local school divisions. However, the Department of Education assumes such costs can be absorbed within current resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education