

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2537H1

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

2. Patron: Toscano

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Special education; definition of parent**

5. Summary: Defines "parent" for the purposes of special education identification, evaluation, and placement of a child and the provision of a free appropriate public education to a child.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation modifies the definition of "parent" as it relates to special education students. It requires school divisions to provide written notice to the biological or adoptive parents at their last known address that a foster parent is acting as the parent pursuant to this section. This will generate some additional administrative costs to local school divisions. However, the Department of Education indicates such costs can be absorbed within current resources.

The bill also requires the Board of Education to revise its Regulations Governing Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia. It is assumed any costs resulting from such revisions 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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