

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2547

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

2. Patron: Albo

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: **Federal economic stimulus funds.**

5. Summary: Provides that any federal economic stimulus funds made available to Virginia for transportation and education infrastructure shall be used exclusively: 1) for payments to private contractors and not state or local employees, with any private contracts accompanied by performance measure standards; 2) to attract private sector funding using strategies permitted under the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) and the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA); and 3) shall not be used to calculate or reduce share of local, federal or state revenues otherwise available for highway districts, local governments, or local school divisions. In awarding contracts, preference is to be given to Virginia businesses and Virginia subcontractors. For transportation funds, these funds are to be used for projects removed from the six-year transportation plan, with an effort to apportion the funding consistent with the highway construction funds allocation formulas. For school funding, all funding is to be used for local school division projects, with first priority for improvement projects, followed by new construction projects.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: At this time, it is not possible to estimate the amount of federal stimulus funding that will be made available to Virginia and the fiscal impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Departments of Education and Transportation, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill may place the state in a situation in which the state criteria for expenditure are more stringent than the federal criteria. Some of the stimulus funding may be left on the table if the bill limits the Commonwealth's ability to maximize the use of federal funds.

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