

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB135

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Public schools; school divisions shall not be required to purchase new textbooks until 2011-2012**

5. Summary: Provides that local school divisions shall not be required to purchase new textbooks until the 2011 - 2012 school year.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 22.1-238, Code of Virginia gives the Board of Education (BOE) authority to approve textbooks suitable for use in the public schools. BOE is required to publish a list of all approved textbooks on its website and list the publisher and the current lowest wholesale price of such textbooks. It also allows any school board to use textbooks not approved by BOE, provided such books are selected in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board.

Currently, following the announcement of new textbook adoptions by BOE, localities are granted a period of five to seven months during which they may examine and select materials from the approved list for their own adoption. However, nothing in the Code of Virginia or regulations sets a timetable for when school divisions must purchase the textbooks. As a result, this legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

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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