

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2439

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2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Driver education in Planning District 8; nonpublic school students.

5. Summary: Requires school boards in Planning District 8 to make the 90-minute parent/student driver education component available to nonpublic school students and their parents or guardians.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Pursuant to § 22.1-205, *Code of Virginia*, the Board of Education has established a standardized program of driver education to be used statewide. Chapter 785 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly created a separate requirement applicable only to students in Planning District 8. Under this provision, any student completing a driver education program in Planning District 8 beginning in academic year 2010 – 2011 would be required to complete an additional minimum 90-minute parent/student driver education component included as part of the in-classroom portion of the driver education curriculum, requiring the participation of the student's parent or guardian and emphasizing parental responsibilities regarding juvenile driver behavior, juvenile driving restrictions pursuant to the Code of Virginia, and the dangers of driving while intoxicated and underage consumption of alcohol.

This legislation would amend § 22.1-205, Code of Virginia, to require local school boards in Planning District 8 to make the 90-minute parent/student driver education component available to all students and their parents or guardians who are in compliance with §22.1-254 of the *Code of Virginia*, regardless of whether or not the student is enrolled in a public school in Planning District 8.

It is unknown how many students who are currently not enrolled in a public school in Planning District 8 would enroll in the parent/student component of the driver education program; however, the state is not providing additional funding for this purpose. Therefore, it is assumed that any resulting costs would be absorbed by local school divisions within current resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, school division in Planning District 8.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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