

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1179

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Yost

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Public schools; character education.

5. Summary: Provides that a school board may provide its character education program during the summer in a youth development academy offered by the school division. The Department of Education shall develop curricular guidelines for school divisions to use in establishing a character education program through a summer youth development academy.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Pursuant to § 22.1-208.01, *Code of Virginia*, school divisions are required to establish character education programs in the public schools. This bill would amend the *Code of Virginia* to allow school divisions to either offer the character education programs during the regular school year, during the summer in a youth development academy offered by the school division, or in both settings.

In addition, this legislation would require the Department of Education to develop curricular guidelines to assist school divisions in establishing their character education programs in a summer youth development academy. Finally, this legislation shifts responsibility for providing resources and assistance in the implementation of character education programs from the Board of Education to the Department of Education. It is anticipated that the additional responsibilities assigned to the Department of Education can be absorbed with current resources.

In House Bill 30, the Governor included \$67,897 each year from the general fund to support implementation of the Youth Development Academy pilot program for rising 9th and 10th grade students in one of the eight superintendents' planning regions. Subsequently, the Governor submitted an executive amendment for an additional \$475,279 each year from the general fund to expand the pilot program to all eight superintendents' planning regions.

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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