

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1406-ER

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bell, Richard P.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Parent educational information regarding eating disorders.

**5. Summary:** Requires each school board to annually provide parent educational information regarding eating disorders for pupils in grades five through 12 consistent with guidelines set forth by the Department of Education.

Additionally, the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health, shall develop and implement policies for providing parent educational information regarding eating disorders. These departments shall develop such policies with input from organizations and entities including local school boards, school superintendents, the National Eating Disorders Association, the Virginia Association of School Nurses, the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians. In doing so, the Department of Education and the Department of Health shall identify and develop appropriate additions or revisions to the Virginia School Health Guidelines related to development of parent educational information, including guidance regarding the clear delineation of such health information from other administrative documentation.

Finally, the Department of Education and the Department of Health shall develop appropriate guidelines for local school boards regarding (i) the optional development of an eating disorder screening program; (ii) specification of training needs and requirements for personnel and volunteers; (iii) appropriate opt-out and exemption procedures; (iv) parental notification procedures for positive indications of an eating disorder; and (v) any issues requiring statutory or regulatory amendment. Such Departments shall provide guidelines to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for dissemination by no later than July 1, 2013.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that the Department of Education and Department of Health could incur some additional administrative costs associated with updating regulations promulgated by the Board of Education to conform to this legislation and the development and implementation of policies and guidelines regarding programs designed to combat eating

disorders in students. This estimate assumes that the Department of Education and Department of Health will absorb any such costs within existing resources; however, it is anticipated that the level of staff time necessary to accommodate the provisions of this legislation could be significant and result in a delay of current agency activities and require a reprioritization of such activities, especially given the ambitious completion date of such work and the stakeholders that must be involved, as stipulated in the legislation.

There could also be a potential local fiscal impact associated with providing educational information regarding eating disorders to parents each year. At this time, it is not possible to reliably estimate the potential impact to local school divisions resulting from passage of this legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education and local school divisions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 2/12/13

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