

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB965

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

2. **Patron:** Cline

3. **Committee:** Appropriations

4. **Title:** Governor's Child Safety Test.

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation would permit each local school board to include the Governor's Child Safety Test as part of the program of physical fitness made available to all students. The test would be a program of instruction that will consist of at least eight hours of instruction per year on how to recognize, avoid, resist, and escape physical, sexual, and online threats and will result in a certificate signed by the Governor upon successful completion of the program. The bill would also increase the fee for the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund from \$10 to \$15 and makes changes to the uses of the fund's revenue. The Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety are to develop a curriculum for the test to be implemented by the local school boards.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill would authorize local school divisions to change the physical fitness program to include the Governor's Child Safety Test. The Department of Education would incur expenses in FY 2015 to develop the curriculum to be used by the local school divisions.

In FY 2013 the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund received approximately \$2.1 million in revenue. Based on the fee increase, the Fund would receive approximately \$3.1 million in FY 2015, which would provide DOE approximately \$135,000 for the cost of the new curriculum.

The other agencies receiving funding through the Fund would receive additional revenue from the fee increase, except for the Department of Social Services, which would lose roughly \$13,000 per year in support for the Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local school divisions

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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