

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB727

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

2. Patron: Black

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: A-F school grading system; School Performance Report Card.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would repeal the A-F school grading system created in the 2013 Session and amended in the 2014 Session. The bill requires the Board of Education, in consultation with the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee, to redesign the School Performance Report Card. No later than October 1, 2015, the Board is to solicit public comment on the redesigned report card. By December 1, 2015, the Board is to make a summary of the redesign available to the public and submit the summary to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health. By October 1, 2016, and each year thereafter, the Board is to make available to the public a School Performance Report Card for each public elementary and secondary school and local school division in the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 134.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require the Board of Education to redesign the School Performance Report Card. The budget passed by the General Assembly includes \$75,000 of general fund support in FY2016 to support the redesign efforts, based on initial cost estimates of the Department of Education (DOE). Based on the requirements in the final version of the bill and the costs experienced in other states creating similar report cards, DOE now estimates the redesign efforts to create a one-time cost of \$250,000 in FY2016, with an ongoing cost of \$50,000 needed in FY2017 and beyond for maintenance and support.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB1672.

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