

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1029

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

**2. Patron:** Sickles

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Critical National Security Language Grant Fund and Program established.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the Critical National Security Language Grant Fund and the Critical National Security Language Grant Program within the Department of Education for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to any school division that provides a foreign language course in a foreign language that is currently identified as critical by the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program. Such grants are limited to \$5,000 per student who successfully completes a critical foreign language course per school year. Also requires the Department of Education to maintain and periodically update a list of foreign languages that are currently identified as critical by the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program for the purposes of the Critical National Security Language Grant Program.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 139.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Any funds awarded from the Critical National Security Language Grant Fund are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The Department of Education (DOE) will incur costs to administer the Critical National Security Language Grant Program, process applications, and distribute grant payments, but such state administrative costs cannot be determined at this time. It is anticipated that these costs can be absorbed within existing resources; however, the magnitude of the grant program is indeterminate based on HB 1029 language. If the amount of funding provided for this program is significant and DOE is unable to support this initiative with existing staff, DOE estimates a state cost of \$115,000 per year for salary, benefits, and related costs for an additional full-time equivalent program manager position.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** HB 1029 requires the Department of Education to maintain and periodically update a list of foreign languages that are currently identified as critical by the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program for the purposes of the Critical National Security Language Grant Program. Because this list is published on the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program website, this requirement may be redundant.