

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB357

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

2. Patron: Loupassi

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Public schools; physical activity requirement.

5. Summary: Effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, requires a program of physical activity available to all students in grades kindergarten through five consisting of at least 20 minutes per day or an average of 100 minutes per week during the regular school year, and available to all students in grades six through 12 with a goal of at least 150 minutes per week on average during the regular school year. Adds recess to the list of physical activities that may be included in a program of physical activity.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact from this bill.

Existing provisions in § 22.1-253.13:1, Code of Virginia, require local school boards to implement a program of physical fitness available to all students with a goal of at least 150 minutes per week on average during the regular school year, which can consist of physical education classes, extracurricular athletics, or other programs deemed appropriate by the local school board.

The Department of Education considers it unlikely that school divisions would hire additional licensed/endorsed physical education teachers to administer a “physical activity” program, as required by this bill. Offering additional physical education elective courses would exceed the expectations of the proposed physical activity requirement. However, if local school divisions provide structured, standards-based instruction that has comprehensive fitness education and/or physically active lifestyle learning goals, there may be an impact to local school divisions as a result of staffing additional physical education teachers to meet this requirement.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB 211.