

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB478

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

2. Patron: Kory

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: High school graduation and dropout data; formula; on-time graduation.

5. Summary: Requires the formula that the Board of Education uses to collect, analyze, report, and make available to the public high school graduation and dropout data to exclude any student who fails to graduate on time because of an extenuating circumstance and requires the Board of Education to enumerate such extenuating circumstances pursuant to regulation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of this legislation. The Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate formula already takes into consideration many extenuating circumstances, including student mobility (transfers), enrollment changes due to incarceration or juvenile detention, students with disabilities or limited English proficiency who may need to attend school for more than four years, students who have temporary absences due to suspension or illness, and students who die. Furthermore, the formula also accounts for students with a wide variety of life events impacting on-time graduation including pregnancy, incarceration, health and substance abuse problems, students caring for an ill family member, and students working to support themselves or their families.

HB 478 would not necessarily require the Board of Education to change its existing formula for assessing on-time high school graduation rates because this formula, based on national practices and uniform guidelines, currently allows exclusions for students who do not graduate on time due to certain extenuating circumstances. Any cost resulting from a change in formula can be absorbed within existing Board of Education resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.