

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB47

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Greason

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Mixed-Delivery Preschool Services Fund and Grant Program; established, report.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the Mixed-Delivery Preschool Services Fund and Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to urban, suburban, and rural community applicants to field-test innovative strategies and evidence-based practices that support a robust system of mixed-delivery preschool services in the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to administer a request for proposal process to invite community applicants to respond with localized innovations and approaches to a mixed-delivery preschool services system. The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, in consultation with the Department of Education, will award two-year grants to six applicants in each year of the 2016-2018 biennium, giving priority to applicants who (i) commit to pursuing models of local governance that promote the successful mixed delivery of preschool services, (ii) compare classroom and child outcomes among teachers with different credentials and qualifications, (iii) utilize incentives to encourage participation, and (iv) utilize strategic assessment to discern outcomes. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2019.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** HB 30, 2016 General Assembly Session, includes funding of \$1.5 million in FY 2017 and \$1.5 million in FY 2018 to support a mixed-delivery grant program through the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF) to promote public-private delivery of pre-kindergarten services to high-risk children and communities, but does not tie this funding directly to the provisions of this bill; thus, it is not clear how this funding might fit with this legislative proposal. The bill does not specify a dollar amount to support the grants awarded under this program.

This bill establishes a Mixed-Delivery Preschool Services Fund and Grant Program and requires the Department of Education (DOE) to provide consultation for the award of grants under this program. DOE will incur costs related to employees' assistance with grant awards

and will incur costs related to processing payments from the grant fund. It is anticipated that these costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Education

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.