

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB518

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: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Local school boards; public school choice.

5. Summary: Notwithstanding any agreement, waiver from the federal government, or provision of law to the contrary, requires the Board of Education, effective starting with the 2017-2018 school year, to select 12 schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and require such schools to provide all enrolled students with the option to transfer to another public school in the school division in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and subject to any conditions and limitations established by the relevant local school board in accordance with subdivisions A.1 and A.3 through A.8 of § 22.1-7.1, Code of Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the Board of Education to submit a report to the House Committee on Education and Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 1, 2016, on the cost, if any, to the Board of Education, the Department of Education, or local school boards to implement the provisions of this act and any other matters relating to the implementation of this act. The Department of Education anticipates that any costs and staffing associated with this report can be absorbed within existing resources.

The provisions of the first enactment of this bill would not become effective unless reenacted by the 2017 Session of the General Assembly. If reenacted, this bill would require school divisions to update student records submitted to the Department of Education for any students who opt to transfer to another school in the division. The existing student record collection process administered by the Department of Education currently accommodates local reporting of school-to-school transfers. At the local level, the transfer provision would require administrative oversight and could affect current class sizes or ratios in the receiving schools, and possibly impact eligibility for specific programs, such as the K-3 Primary Class Size Reduction program. Transfers also could impact school division pupil transportation

costs depending on the magnitude of the transfers. Any actual fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.