

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB798

<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:** Bell, J.J.

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Certain school divisions; plan to fund and phase in full-day kindergarten.

**5. Summary:** Requires each local school board that does not offer a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division to develop a plan to fund and phase in a full-day kindergarten program for each kindergarten student in the school division and submit the plan to the General Assembly in advance of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation requires local school boards to develop a plan to fund and phase in full-day kindergarten and to submit this plan to the General Assembly. These plans will not impact state finances.

If the affected school divisions implement full-day kindergarten, there would be no state fiscal impact. Currently, as long as a school division's kindergarten pupil/teacher ratio is less than 30 to one, a student attending either a half-day kindergarten program or a full-day kindergarten program is counted as 1.00 in the division's average daily membership (ADM) count. Per § 22.1-253.13:2, Code of Virginia, school divisions offering half-day kindergarten with pupil/teacher ratios that exceed 30 to one shall adjust their kindergarten ADM to reflect 85 percent of the total kindergarten ADM; however, currently there are not any divisions whose ADM values are adjusted under this provision. A requirement that all divisions offer only full-day kindergarten would not affect the funding paid from the state to local school divisions based on ADM. For the 2015-2016 school year, Chesapeake, Loudoun, and Virginia Beach are the only school divisions with significant numbers of students in half-day kindergarten programs.

If the affected school divisions implement full-day kindergarten, divisions may need to provide additional resources, hire additional staff, or add classroom space in order to accommodate full-day kindergarten versus half-day kindergarten. The actual fiscal impact would vary by locality and cannot be determined at this time.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to SB 279 and HB 457.