

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1156

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: Wilt

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Teacher licensure; endorsement in dual language instruction pre-kindergarten through grade six.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education, in its regulations governing licensure, to provide for licensure of teachers with an endorsement in dual language instruction pre-kindergarten through grade six. The bill defines "dual language instruction" as instruction in English and in a second language. The bill requires the Board, in establishing the requirements for such endorsement, to require, at minimum, coursework in dual language education; bilingual literacy development; methods of second language acquisition; theories of second language acquisition; instructional strategies for classroom management for the elementary classroom; and content-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The bill provides that (i) each teacher with such an endorsement is exempt from the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment requirement but is subject to the subject matter-specific professional teacher's assessment requirements, and (ii) no teacher with such an endorsement is required to obtain an additional endorsement in early/primary education pre-kindergarten through grade three or elementary education pre-kindergarten through grade six in order to teach in pre-kindergarten through grade six.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: For the Board of Education to establish the regulations required by this bill, the Department of Education (DOE) will need to conduct meetings to determine the appropriate requirements for an endorsement in dual language instruction. These meetings will include DOE's teacher licensure and instruction staff, higher education representatives, and other stakeholders. DOE will experience costs to host these meetings and to reimburse attendees for expenses incurred to attend each meeting. As stand-alone legislation, DOE anticipates that the agency can absorb costs resulting from the provisions of this bill. However, several other bills require DOE to incur similar expenses, so if the aggregate number of these bills likely to pass is significant, DOE may require an additional general fund appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, Virginia institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None