

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB126

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cosgrove

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Driver education programs; parent/student driver education component.

5. **Summary:** Requires all school divisions to administer a minimum 90-minute parent/student driver education component as part of the driver education curriculum. Currently, such component is required only in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia). The bill allows for school divisions to administer such component in-person or online, except for schools in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia), where the component must still be administered in-person.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will allow the parent/student component of driver education to be taught as part of the in-classroom curriculum or virtually through a computer-based program. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will need to make changes to its system to allow the agency to capture where the behind-the-wheel, in-classroom, and parent/student components are completed. DMV estimates a state cost of approximately \$33,073 to make these changes, which can be absorbed by existing resources. It is anticipated that the Board of Education and the Department of Education can absorb any costs resulting from the provisions of this bill.

Local school divisions may incur additional costs to implement and administer a minimum 90-minute parent/student driver education component as part of the driver education curriculum. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Additionally, there may be a cost to parents or guardians to attend the parent/student driver education course, whether in-classroom or online. Any such cost to parents or guardians is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None