

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB273

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: Petersen

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Public schools; instructional time.

5. Summary: Requires local school boards to provide (i) a minimum of 680 hours of instructional time to students in elementary, except for students in half-day kindergarten, in the four academic disciplines of English, mathematics, science, and history and social science and (ii) a minimum of 375 hours of instructional time to students in half-day kindergarten in the four academic disciplines of English, mathematics, science, and history and social science. The bill authorizes local school boards to include and requires the Board of Education to accept, for elementary school, unstructured recreational time that is intended to develop teamwork, social skills, and overall physical fitness in any calculation of total instructional time or teaching hours, provided that such unstructured recreational time does not exceed 15 percent of total instructional time or teaching hours.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 136, language only.

Current budget language for the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) program does not permit VPI programs to count recess as instructional time. It will be challenging for VPI programs to have different requirements for instructional time, especially since VPI programs often are housed in the same buildings and follow the same bus schedules as K-5 programs. This budget language should be changed to be consistent with this legislation.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB1419 as enrolled.