

**Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB557

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

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: School bus operators; training.

5. Summary: Codifies hourly requirements that (i) decrease from 24 to six the number of hours currently required in regulation for behind-the-wheel training for school bus operator applicants who do not possess a commercial driver's license; (ii) decrease from 24 to four the number of hours currently required in regulation for classroom training and from 24 to three the number of hours currently required in regulation for behind-the-wheel training for applicants currently possessing a commercial driver's license; and (iii) decrease from 24 to four the number of hours currently required in regulation for classroom training and from 24 to three the number of hours currently required in regulation for behind-the-wheel training for applicants previously trained and approved to operate a school bus who were not removed for cause from a prior position operating a school bus. Current law leaves the setting of such hourly requirements to the Department of Education. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the Board of Education and the Department of Education can absorb any costs resulting from the provisions of this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: This bill adds language under § 22.1-181 that establishes requirements for Board of Education regulations; however, current language under this section requires the Board of Education to develop a training program, not regulations.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB914 and similar to HB810.