

**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: Passed both houses

4. Title: School bus operators; classroom and behind-the-wheel training.

5. Summary: Codifies hourly requirements that require, for applicants not currently possessing a commercial driver's license, (i) a minimum of 24 hours of classroom training and (ii) six hours of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. For applicants currently possessing a commercial driver's license, requires (a) a minimum of four hours of classroom training and (b) three hours of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. Current law leaves the setting of such hourly requirements to the Department of Education. The bill also exempts the Board of Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles' initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement these provisions from the Administrative Process Act with the exception of the agencies providing an opportunity for public comment on the regulations prior to adoption. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. 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, Department of Motor Vehicles

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 HB810 as engrossed by the House.