

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

4. Title: School bus operators; training.

5. Summary: Codifies hourly requirements that require, for new 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 new applicants currently possessing a commercial driver's license, such regulations shall require (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. For applicants with a valid and unexpired commercial driver's license with valid P and S endorsements who were not removed for cause from a prior position operating a school bus, such regulations shall require (1) a minimum of four hours of classroom training administered pursuant to this section and (2) three hours of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. Behind-the-wheel training shall be administered under the direct on-board supervision of a designated school bus driver trainer. 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 similar to HB914 and HB810.