

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB785

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Surovell

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Access to electronic textbooks and adequate connectivity.

**5. Summary:** Makes it the policy of the Commonwealth that all textbooks approved by the Board of Education for use in grades six through 12 shall be equally accessible to all students at school and in their residence. Prohibits local school boards from requiring the use of any electronic textbook in any course in grades six through 12 unless the school board adopts a plan to ensure that by July 1, 2020, (i) each student enrolled in such course will have actual access at school and, if any assignment requires the use of such electronic textbook outside of school hours, in his residence to at least one personal computing device not shared with another student that contains an operating system and the hardware necessary to support the format of each electronic textbook expected to be used in such course and (ii) the relevant school will be equipped with the fiber optic or wireless broadband connections necessary to provide adequate connectivity, which the bill defines as bandwidth of at least one kilobit per second per enrolled student.

Requires the Board of Education to annually develop, update, and distribute to each local school division a list of personal computing devices that comply with this section.

**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. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None