

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2031

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

2. Patron: McGuire

3. Committee: Science and Technology

4. Title: Cyber centers of excellence; Department of Education to establish task force.

- 5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Education to establish and appoint members to a task force for the purpose of establishing a program and standards for the designation of any public middle school or high school in the Commonwealth as a cyber center of excellence. The bill requires such program and standards to, at minimum, (i) establish a competitive process by which local school boards may apply to the Department of Education to designate any middle school or high school in the local school division as a cyber center of excellence and (ii) require applicants to demonstrate the ability to (a) provide high-quality programs and curricula for the development of the computer skills of enrolled students, (b) identify enrolled students with an aptitude for such programs and curricula, and (c) assist such students in developing their computer skills in order to be better prepared to meet the Commonwealth's growing demand and unmet need for cybersecurity professionals. The bill requires the task force to create and distribute to each local school board guidelines, procedures, and best practices for applications for the designation of schools as cyber centers of excellence.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 128.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2019	\$0	0	N/A
2020	\$10,000	0	General Fund
2021	\$10,000	0	General Fund
2022	\$10,000	0	General Fund
2023	\$10,000	0	General Fund
2024	\$10,000	0	General Fund
2025	\$10,000	0	General Fund

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education (DOE) estimates an ongoing state cost of \$10,000 each year to support meetings, travel, and other expenses of the task force required by this bill. DOE also notes that this bill will result in additional administrative costs for the agency, which the agency anticipates it can absorb. However, several similar bills require DOE to staff committees and/or conduct studies, and if the aggregate number of such

bills likely to pass either house is significant, DOE will require additional resources to meet the provisions of these bills.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None