

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB156

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: Sickles

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Critical National Security Language Grant Fund and Program established.

5. Summary: Establishes the Critical National Security Language Grant Fund and the Critical National Security Language Grant Program within the Department of Education for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to any school division that provides a foreign language course in a foreign language that is currently identified as critical by the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program. Such grants are limited to \$5,000 per student who successfully completes a critical foreign language course per school year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 137.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The additional state cost for the Critical National Security Language Grant Program cannot be determined, as any cost is dependent on the amount of funding appropriated by the General Assembly for such grants.

The Department of Education estimates an annual state cost of \$18,000 to support a wage employee to establish program guidelines, maintain the list of critical languages, and manage the grant program. This cost includes \$15,000 for wages and \$3,000 for Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) support.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None