

## Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1901

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Carr

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Online Virginia Driver's Manual course; training school.

**5. Summary:** This bill removes the requirement that a driver training school providing the Virginia Driver's Manual course online be a computer-based driver education provider, as defined in the Code of Virginia.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** No fiscal impact is anticipated from implementing this legislation.

Section 46.2-325 currently requires that a licensee offering online driver education courses be licensed as a “computer-based driver education provider.” This licensure requires that business entities, in addition to being licensed as Class B licensees have an online curriculum that is approved by the Department of Education. Typically, computer-based driver education providers offer the complete driver education program, including the classroom and behind-the-wheel components, and are administering the skills tests required to receive a driver’s license.

Occasionally there are businesses that wish to provide the Virginia Driver’s Manual Course, an 8-hour course offered to students who have failed the knowledge or skills examinations multiple times, or adults who wish to get a refresher on the basics prior to taking a skills or knowledge test. No examination is administered and this is not a curriculum that is governed by the Department of Education.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.