

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB634

House of Origin	☐ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☒ Engrossed
Second House	☒ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: LaRock

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: School Divisions of Innovation; local assessments.

5. Summary: Allows a local school board, when applying for its school division to be designated as a School Division of Innovation, to apply to the Board of Education to replace the Virginia Studies and Civics and Economics Standards of Learning assessments with local assessments that include performance-based assessments. The bill requires any such application to (i) demonstrate that the proposed local assessment requires that students demonstrate the knowledge and skills required by the relevant Standards of Learning and that students demonstrate one or more of the skills and qualities of critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, or citizenship and (ii) provide evidence of the local school board's capacity to administer and score performance-based assessments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education anticipates that it can absorb any additional cost related to the provisions of this bill. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB249.