

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB249

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: School Divisions of Innovation; performance-based 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 performance-based assessments. The bill requires any such application to (i) demonstrate that the proposed performance-based 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: None