

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1106

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public School Assistance Fund and Program; created.

5. Summary: Creates the Public School Assistance Fund and Program, to be administered by the Department of Education, for the purpose of providing grants to school boards to be used solely for the purpose of repairing or replacing the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, or plumbing systems or the roofs of public elementary and secondary school buildings in the local school division and any equipment or infrastructure that was damaged as a direct result of a defect in such systems or roofs. Grants from the Fund may also be provided for the purpose of funding the financing, including principal and interest payments, of any of the aforementioned repairs or replacements, so long as such financing costs were incurred on or after January 1, 2011. The bill permits any school board in the Commonwealth to apply for Program grants but requires the Department of Education to give priority in the award of grants to school boards that demonstrate the greatest need based on the condition of existing school building systems, roofs, equipment, or infrastructure and the ability to pay for the repair or replacement of such systems, roofs, equipment, or infrastructure.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 143.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The additional state cost for the Public School Assistance 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 cost of \$20,000 to support contract staff to administer this program. This cost includes \$15,000 for wages, \$3,000 for Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) support, and \$2,000 for travel.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None