

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB301

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Commercial driver's license examinations.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes school boards to issue a commercial driver's license skills test certificate to employees of other school boards. The bill removes the \$2 reexamination fee and 15-day wait period for all driver's license applicants 18 years of age or older.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Current law requires that applicants who are 18 years or older will be charged a fee of \$2 for each retake of the driver's license knowledge examination if taken more than once within a 15-day period. This bill would eliminate the \$2 fee for a retake of the knowledge examination within the 15-day period.

Under current law, school boards are allowed only to test drivers they employ or have trained in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training Guide. This bill loosens this restriction and allows governmental entities, including comprehensive community colleges in the Virginia Community College System, certified as third-party testers to administer CDL skills tests to students that other governmental entities have trained.

In addition, the current law requires that skills test certificates be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within 60 days of the date that the skills test was taken. The substitute language would remove this requirement and instead add that the results of skills tests will remain valid for six months following the date of the skills test.

DMV anticipates a one-time cost of \$11,748 associated with making the necessary system and programming changes. The 160 staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads.

DMV anticipates that there would be an annual loss of approximately \$129,866 in revenue associated with eliminating the \$2 reexamination fee for CDL applicants. Because the reexamination fee revenue for FY20/21 was significantly impacted by the pandemic, DMV calculated the potential annual loss based on the FY19 revenue generated by the reexamination fee. The agency anticipates that it can absorb this cost.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.