

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB106

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

2. **Patron** Marshall, R.

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Posting of "In God We Trust" in local government administration buildings

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Enrolled HB106 authorizes boards of supervisors and city or town council to post prominently in a conspicuous place in their primary local government administrative building for all citizens to read the phrase "In God We Trust," which is the national motto of the United States pursuant to 36 U.S.C. § 186 (1999).

In addition, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is required to intervene on behalf of local governments and to provide legal defense of this provision. An enactment clause authorizes local governments to accept contributions in cash or in kind from any person (defined to include individuals, companies, organizations, and other legal entities) to defray the costs of implementing this provision.

6. **Fiscal Impact estimate is final**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No; any cost to the Commonwealth cannot be determined.

8. **Fiscal implications:**

The cost to the Commonwealth would be from any legal defense by the OAG. If expenses exceed the OAG's resources, current law and practice allow him to go to the Governor and report the needs assistance (see §§ 2.2 -507 and 510 of the Code). The Division of Risk Management of the Department of the Treasury is then directed to pay the expense under the risk management plan. This is possible because the expense is a claim against the Commonwealth rather than local school divisions.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

Office of the Attorney General, Department of the Treasury, and boards of supervisors, and city and town councils

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** No

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