

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact
2003 General Assembly Session

Bill: HB 2140 as amended

Patron: Brink

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In accordance with the provisions of §§ 30–19.03 through 30–19.03:1.1 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced bill:

I. Bill Summary

HB 2140, as amended, modifies the two uncodified Acts of Assembly of the 2002 General Assembly session (Chapters 891 and 895) which required that local school boards post the National Motto, "In God we Trust," in a conspicuous place in each school in their divisions. The bill adds the requirement that the National Motto poster include the Bill of Rights of the Constitution.

II. Fiscal Impact Analysis

The Commission on Local Government did not receive estimates from any localities on the fiscal impact of HB 2140. The effect of this bill, however, is to impose a one-time administrative requirement on all school divisions within the Commonwealth. Specifically, it would require that local school divisions modify or reprint their current posters with the National Motto to add the Bill of Rights, distribute those new or modified posters to each school in the division, and ensure that one poster is displayed in a prominent place in each public school.

The requirements of this legislation are likely to impose modest one-time costs on local school divisions for office supplies or printing expenses, and for additional personnel time to create the signs and to post them in each. However, those costs are not expected to create a significant administrative burden for any local school divisions.

III. Conclusion

HB 2140 is not expected to impose any net additional expenditures on local school divisions throughout the Commonwealth.