

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB890

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| House of Origin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

2. Patron Sickles

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Public libraries; state grants to improve standards.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that state aid to libraries or systems serving a population in excess of 600,000 shall receive 30 cents per capita. Currently, this amount is set at 10 cents.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item number 259.

8. Fiscal implications: The change in the per-capita amount for libraries or systems serving more than 600,000 persons would increase the total need calculated by the funding formula for state aid to local libraries by \$128,610. However, the General Assembly is not required to appropriate additional funds to meet this need. The state currently provides funds to meet about 68 percent of the total need. At this funding level, an additional \$89,000 would be required. If the General Assembly does not appropriate additional funds, existing funds would be reallocated from systems serving fewer than 600,000 persons to those serving more than 600,000 persons. At this time, only Fairfax County Public Library would meet this population threshold. In order to provide the resulting increase to Fairfax County Public Library without reducing funding for other libraries, an appropriation of an additional \$89,000 in general fund support for state aid to local public libraries would be required.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local public libraries and the Library of Virginia.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education