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HOUSE BILL NO. 607

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-1502.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Planning and Budget; school efficiency review program.

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-1502.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-1502.1. School efficiency review program.

A. From such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for such purpose, and upon written request by a local school board or the division superintendent, the Director shall initiate a review of the relevant school division's central operations. Such review shall examine noninstructional expenditures and identify opportunities to improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs for the division and include but not be limited to examinations of (i) overhead, (ii) human resources, (iii) procurement, (iv) facilities use and management, (v) financial management, (vi) transportation, (vii) technology planning, and (viii) energy management. Such review shall not address the effectiveness of the educational services being delivered by the division.

B. ~~School divisions shall pay 25 percent of the cost of the school efficiency review in the fiscal year immediately following the completion of the final school efficiency review report.~~ Commencing with reviews completed in fiscal year 2006, partial recovery of the cost of individual reviews may be made in the fiscal year beginning not less than 24 months and not more than 36 months following the release of a final efficiency review report for an individual school division. Such recovery may occur if the affected school division superintendent or superintendent's designee has not certified that at least half the recommendations have been implemented or at least half of the equivalent savings of such efficiency review have been realized. Lacking such certification the school division shall reimburse the state for 25 percent of the cost of the school efficiency review. Such reimbursement shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury. The Department of Planning and Budget shall provide the format for such certification.

C. All agencies, authorities, and institutions of the Commonwealth shall cooperate and provide assistance as the Director may request.

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