Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number SB847				
	House of Origin		Substitute	Engrossed	
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled	
2.	Patron Lambert				
3.	Committee Education and Health				
4.	Title S	Fitle Special education; due process procedure.			
5.	Summary/Purpose: Requires testimony given during due process procedures developed by the Board of Education to resolve disputes as to program placements to be given under oath or affirmation.				
6.	No Fiscal Impact.				
7.	Budget amendment necessary: No.				
8.	Fiscal implications: The legislation requires that any testimony given during due process procedures for children with disabilities and their parents or guardians and school divisions in resolving disputes shall be given under oath or affirmation. These procedures are administered by a hearing officer as currently prescribed in § 22.1-214 of the Code of Virginia. It is anticipated that any costs associated with requiring sworn testimony in such proceedings would be negligible for the Commonwealth.				
9.	Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Education, local school divisions, students with disabilities.				
10.	10. Technical amendment necessary: No.				
11. Other comments: None.					
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