

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB320

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cox

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Statewide Fire Prevention Code; fees for inspection; exceptions.

5. **Summary:** Current law allows the State Fire Marshal Office with approval from the Board of Housing and Community Development to recover the actual cost of administering and enforcing the Code in jurisdictions for which he serves as the enforcement authority. This legislation would provide an exemption from fees for permits issued for the inspection of any school.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	(49,900)	NGF
2009	(49,900)	NGF
2010	(52,800)	NGF
2011	(52,800)	NGF
2012	(52,800)	NGF
2013	(52,800)	NGF
2014	(52,800)	NGF

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 407.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The State Fire Marshal's Office records indicate that 1,685 public school buildings and 284 private school buildings are inspected on an annual basis. According to the State Fire Marshal's Office, the loss in revenue is associated with private schools only. Public schools are public property and therefore required to be inspected by the State Fire Marshal's Office and are not presently charged for inspections. Inspection of public schools were mandated by the General Assembly in 1997.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Fire Marshals Office, Virginia Department of Fire Programs

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB564.

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Cc: Secretary of Public Safety
Secretary of Administration