

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB355

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: General Education Development testing program; lowers age requirement.

5. Summary: Lowers the age for the General Education Development (GED) testing program from 18 to 16 years of age with the written permission of a parent.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. However, by increasing the number of persons eligible to participate in the testing program, additional funds would be necessary to cover the cost of the testing fee. The testing fee is a local cost.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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c: Secretary of Education