

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB984

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: Nutter

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Math specialist pilot program.

5. Summary: Requires the Department of Education to establish a math specialist grant program to provide grants to six geographically diverse school divisions across the Commonwealth for the purposes of hiring math specialists. The purpose of the project is to determine the long-term feasibility of requiring at least one permanent math specialist for every school division in the Commonwealth. The funding for the pilot program shall be from such funds as are provided for that purpose in the general appropriations act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education indicates that this legislation has no fiscal impact unless funds are appropriated by the General Assembly. However, a similar program was funded by the General Assembly in FY2008 at a cost of \$12,500 for each math specialist. Based on that cost, a pilot program consisting of six participating divisions is estimated to cost \$75,000.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: No.

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c: Secretary of Education