

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB490

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: No Child Left Behind; withdrawal.

5. Summary: The enrolled bill requires the Board of Education to develop a plan by June 20, 2009, for the withdrawal from the federal No Child Left Behind Act, unless waivers that allow Virginia's existing educational accountability system, as set forth in the Standards of Quality, Standards of Learning, and Standards of Accreditation, to substantially meet the requirements of the Act are granted by the U.S. Department of Education.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No for the preparation of a plan. Withdrawal would require an amendment to Item 141 to reduce federal funding.

8. Fiscal Implications: Preparation of the plan, if required, would be done within the Department of Education's (DOE) existing resources. If the Commonwealth chooses to completely withdraw from participating in the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) program, it would have a significant fiscal impact on both the Commonwealth and local school divisions. The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has provided guidance on the impact of nonparticipation in NCLB that indicates if a state withdraws from implementing one or more titles of the act, the funding associated with those titles would be withdrawn by USED. If the Commonwealth declines to accept the federal support offered through NCLB, local school divisions also would not receive formula funds offered through NCLB.

In FY 2007, Virginia received approximately \$351.8 million in federal NCLB funds. In FY 2008, it is estimated that Virginia will receive approximately \$363.7 million in federal NCLB funds. These figures include both the state and local distribution. Currently NCLB has not yet been reauthorized by Congress. As a result, estimates from USED on potential NCLB funds for FY 2009 and FY 2010 are not available.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB1425.

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