

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1624

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:** Englin

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** **Bullying, harassment, etc.; provides specific information for the Board of Education in its model policy**

**5. Summary:** Provides specific information for the Board of Education to include in its model policy on bullying, harassment, and intimidation. The bill also provides a comprehensive definition of "bullying, harassment, or intimidation."

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would add harassment and intimidation, as defined by §22.1-279.6:1 of the Code of Virginia, to the provisions outlining the required instructional topics covered in character education programs in public schools. It also requires the Board of Education to establish a model policy on bullying, harassment, and intimidation in public schools. It is anticipated this legislation would result in some additional administrative costs for both the Department of Education and local school divisions to implement the proposed policies. However, the Department of Education anticipates such costs can be absorbed within current resources.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Education