

Department of Planning and Budget

2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2409

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Hall

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: **Holocaust education; middle and high schools**

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to establish objectives for Holocaust education with an emphasis on the causes and ramifications of the Holocaust. Such objectives must be infused into the appropriate curriculum areas and Standards of Learning.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation requires the Board of Education to establish objectives for Holocaust education, with emphasis on the causes and ramifications of the Holocaust, to be infused systematically into appropriate curriculum areas and the Standards of Learning (SOLs). Currently, the SOLs already incorporate learning objectives for the Holocaust into the curriculum. If the intent of this legislation is to expand upon those objectives, it is anticipated any resulting administrative costs could be absorbed within current resources. This assumes the current instructional materials being used by school divisions for history-related courses would meet the intent of this legislation.

If current materials do not meet the newly defined guidelines for Holocaust education under the provisions of this bill, local school divisions may incur additional costs to replace such materials. It is anticipated the current allocation of funds for textbooks through the Standards of Quality model can be used to support a school division's costs. However, if a school division has already allocated the funds for the replacement of textbooks for other subject areas, this legislation could generate an additional and unexpected expense for school divisions or necessitate the Commonwealth to provide additional funding.

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