Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement - Revised

1. **Bill Number:** HB2474

House of Origin	X	Introduced	___	Substitute	___	Engrossed
Second House	___	In Committee	___	Substitute	___	Enrolled

2. **Patrons:** Hugo

3. **Committee:** Appropriations

4. **Title:** **Planning time for school teachers**

5. **Summary:** Requires school boards to ensure that all elementary school teachers are provided an average of 30 minutes a day of planning time.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would require school boards to provide an average of 30 minutes per day of planning time for elementary school teachers. Currently, school boards are encouraged to provide this planning time, but it is not mandated by the state.

   During the 2008 Session, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) prepared a fiscal impact review of Senate Bill 48, which contained a similar provision. As part of the review, JLARC staff contacted school divisions via e-mail and phone with questions regarding their existing planning time for elementary teachers and how that planning time is made available. JLARC received a response from 36 school divisions. These school divisions overwhelmingly indicated that they do provide their teachers with planning time. The divisions also overwhelmingly indicated this time occurs when students are with resource teachers or in the library. Further, they mentioned, they are generally able to find planning time for special education teachers and for their resource teachers.

   Based on JLARC's prior analysis, the current resource teacher and librarian standards funded in the Standards of Quality (SOQ) appear to be sufficient to provide all elementary teachers with an average of 30 minutes per day. Therefore, it is anticipated this bill will not have a state or local impact. However, if the current SOQ standards for resource teachers and librarians are not sufficient to provide all elementary teachers with the specified planning time, it is assumed the additional cost will be supported with local funds.

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

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

11. Other Comments: This bill does not amend Section 22.1-253.13:2 of the Code of Virginia relating to the Standards of Quality.

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