

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB257

House of Origin    ☒ Introduced        ☐ Substitute        ☐ Engrossed

Second House        ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute        ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        McClellan

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:**        **Homebound instruction services; Board of Education to amend its regulations**

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board of Education to amend its regulations establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia as they relate to homebound instructional services to include that homebound instruction shall be made available to students based on a certification of need by a licensed clinical social worker. Current regulations provide that certification must be made by a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would require the Board of Education to amend its regulations establishing Standards of Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia as they relate to homebound instructional services to include that homebound instruction certification of need may be provided by a licensed clinical social worker in addition to a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist. It is anticipated this legislation could potentially result in additional children being enrolled into homebound programs. However, the potential number of children affected by this change or the resulting fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be determined at this time.

**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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