

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB257ER

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

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education (BOE) to review its regulations establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia as they relate to homebound instructional services to address whether homebound instruction may be made available to students based on a certification of need by any person licensed to diagnose and treat mental emotional, or behavioral disorders by a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires BOE to review its regulations establishing Standards of Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia as they relate to homebound instructional services to include that homebound instruction may be made available based on evidence submitted by any person licensed to diagnose and treat mental, emotional or behavioral disorders. Currently, this certification must be made by a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist.

While the bill only requires BOE to review its regulations regarding homebound instruction, it is assumed that if eligibility is established, then it could result in additional children being enrolled into homebound programs. As a result, it is anticipated this bill could have an impact. However, since the potential number of children who may be impacted by this change is unknown, a fiscal impact 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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