

Virginia Retirement System 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB266

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Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Englin

3. Committee: Committee on Education

4. Title: **Commonwealth Teachers Program; established.**

5. Summary: Provides for the establishment of the Commonwealth Teachers Program to be administered by the Board of Education. Qualified teachers, as determined by Board of Education criteria, accepted into the Program must agree to be assigned to a school that did not achieve full accreditation for the previous year. Such teachers would receive an additional six months of creditable service in the Virginia Retirement System for every year they teach in the Program.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Because of the small number of teachers who would participate in this program, there should be no significant actuarial cost. However, should this group expand in the future, this legislation will have an affect on the contribution rate for teachers.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation provides a special benefit to a small group of members. VRS is concerned that approval of this legislation could set a precedent for allowing other groups to request the same or a similar benefit. It is also the first group outside the JRS that will receive weighted service.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: VRS and local school boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: VRS is concerned that this legislation sets a precedent for other groups to request enhanced service credit.

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