

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB397

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

2. Patron: Lohr

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: **Statewide uniform grading policy; requires Board of Education to establish**

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to establish a policy to interpret end-of-course grades in a uniform manner across the Commonwealth in grades 6 - 12, but allows for a weighted grading system for advanced placement, honors, and International Baccalaureate classes.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation establishes a statewide uniform policy for calculating a student's end-of-year grade point average for grades 6 through 12 in public schools. It is anticipated the passage of this bill will generate some additional administrative costs to both the Department of Education and local school divisions to implement the new scale. However, the Department of Education anticipates such costs can be absorbed within current resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Similar to HB 978.

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