

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB736

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

2. Patron: Newman

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: College Partnership Laboratory Schools

5. Summary: Establishes college partnership laboratory schools for the purpose of stimulating the development of innovative public education programs by providing opportunities for greater cooperation and coordination between institutions of higher education and K-12 education systems. The laboratory schools are created by a contract between the school and the Board of Education (BOE). The bill also establishes a Fund to receive gifts and grants, bequests or donation from public or private sources in support laboratory schools. Disbursements from the Fund will be based on criteria established by the Department of Education (DOE).

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proportionate amount of state and federal funds will be provided to the partnership laboratory school which would have been allocated for the enrolled students if they attended the public schools of the school division in which they reside. Since the bill requires state and federal funding to follow the student from the public school division to the college partnership laboratory school, a fiscal impact to the Commonwealth is not anticipated. Per pupil funding is provided for the student whether or not the student attends a college partnership laboratory school.

The bill also requires the BOE to develop procedures for receiving, reviewing and ruling upon college partnership laboratory school applications. DOE anticipates this legislation will result in additional costs associated with the implementation of this bill. However, it is assumed such costs can be absorbed within current resources by realigning current DOE staff responsibilities and reprioritizing the expenses of DOE as well as the BOE.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, institutions of higher education, and local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB1389.

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