

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1493

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Greason

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Career and technical education; industry certifications.

5. Summary: Provides that where there is a national industry certification for career and technical education instructional personnel or program, the Board of Education must make such certification a mandatory part of the career and technical education program. This bill is effective July 1, 2012 (fiscal year 2013).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not available. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation requires career and technical education courses offered in schools to be industry certified, if a nationally certified course is available. Schools that currently offer the industry certified course in fields of study for which the certification is available will not incur additional costs as a result of this bill. However, schools that offer courses in fields for which a national curriculum is available, but is not being used, will incur additional cost in order to convert their existing program to comply with the accepted national curriculum. Limited information is available at this time regarding the number of schools and courses that would need to be converted to achieve compliance; therefore, no reliable estimate of the local fiscal impact can be calculated at this time. It is anticipated that the Department of Education could incur nominal administrative costs to develop and distribute a listing of nationally certified courses available; however, it is assumed that such costs could be absorbed with current resources.

This legislation also requires instructional personnel for career and technical education programs to become certified in their subject matter if such certification is available. In programs that target industry certification for students, instructors are currently required to certify in at least one of the targeted certifications for the program. Virginia also allows teachers to use various occupational competency assessments, in addition to industry certification exams, which do not typically require the teacher to take an exam and/or become certified to qualify to instruct in the subject area. Data is not currently available regarding the availability of industry certification for instructors and the number of career and technical education instructors who would need to acquire these certifications; therefore, no reliable estimate of the potential state or local fiscal impact can be calculated at this time.

Moreover, any costs incurred by school divisions as a result of this legislation could generate additional state costs in future biennia if the expenditures are reported in Standards of Quality recognized categories in the Annual School Report Financial Section (ASRFIN). However, without knowing the actual costs reported and the affected division(s), it is not possible to reliably estimate any potential state costs 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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