

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

**2. Patron:** Greason

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**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 and program for automotive technology, 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:** Final. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This version of the bill requires any career and technical education programs for automotive technology offered in schools to be industry certified if a national certification is available. Schools that currently offer industry certified programs for automotive technology will not incur additional costs as a result of this bill. However, schools that offer courses in this field that are not industry certified could incur additional costs 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 this provision will not have a state fiscal impact.

This legislation also requires instructional personnel for career and technical education programs for automotive technology to become certified in the 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 this certification;

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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