

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1748

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Plum

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Public schools; antibullying measures.

**5. Summary:** Adds specificity to the codes of student conduct required of local school divisions in terms of how incidents of bullying, harassment, and intimidation are handled. The bill requires teacher training in this area, and that incidents of bullying, harassment, and intimidation be reported to the division superintendent. The bill also requires that the codes of student conduct hold school administrators responsible for implementing the procedures outlined in the local policy.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation modifies existing law related to the handling of bullying in schools. It replaces the current definition of bullying used in the Student Conduct Policy Guidelines with a new definition in §22.1-276.01 of the Code of Virginia and adds a new definition in §22.1-276.01 for cyberbullying.

Additionally, this legislation would require professional development on bullying prevention for all instructional personnel and require any incidents of bullying to be reported to the division superintendent and to the respective principal or his designee.

The additional professional development requirements in this bill related to bullying could generate some additional administrative costs for local school divisions. Moreover, if school divisions record any such expenses in the Annual School Report Financial Section (ASRFIN) under a classification recognized by the Standards of Quality funding model, it could result in additional state costs in future biennia. Because it is unknown when, or if, school divisions will report such costs in a recognized category, there is no accurate way to reasonably estimate a fiscal impact.

**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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