

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB966

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

2. Patron: Northam

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Public schools; physical education requirement.

5. Summary: Requires at least 150 minutes of physical education per week on average during the regular school year for grades K through eight, with a similar goal for high school students. This requirement would go into effect beginning with the 2014 -2015 school year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill amends the Code of Virginia to require local school boards to implement a program of daily physical education available to all students in grades kindergarten through eight consisting of at least 150 minutes per week on average during the regular school year. Each local school board would be required to incorporate into its local wellness policy a goal for the implementation of a similar program for high school students during the regular school year. These provisions would become effective beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Elementary and middle schools are currently required to offer programs of physical education, but the current Standards of Quality and Standards of Accreditation provisions do not prescribe the frequency or duration of instruction.

Since this legislation does not propose modifying any of the staffing standards in Standard 2 of the Standards of Quality (SOQ) statute, including the number of elementary resource positions funded in the SOQ, there would be no state funding impact from this legislation. However, depending on a division's current staffing levels for physical education at grades K-8, there may be a significant local impact to employ sufficient staff to meet the daily and minutes per week physical education requirement for grades K-8.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB1644H1.

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