

*Commission on Local Government*

**Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact**  
2012 General Assembly Session

**Bill:** HB 367      **Patron:** Toscano      **Date:** January 23, 2012

In accordance with the provisions of §30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced legislation:

**I. Bill Summary**

HB 367 requires the Board of Education to include requirements for the reporting of disciplinary offense and outcome data as part of the Board's requirements relating to the School Performance Report Card.

**II. Fiscal Impact Analysis**

The Commission on Local Government did not solicit data from localities in the assessment of this bill; however, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents assisted the Commission in obtaining information from local school divisions.

This bill would require public schools to include disciplinary offenses and outcomes in their report on the Standards of Learning. They would also be required to report this data by race, ethnicity, gender, and disability. These additional reporting requirements for schools will add administrative costs. In addition, schools will experience opportunity costs as staff time is devoted to paperwork instead of education. Costs will vary by school size and the extent to which a school district must discipline its student body. The cost is difficult to compute at this time.

Orange County Public Schools noted that they would anticipate the need for a substantial increase in the administrative time required to prepare the annual discipline, crime and violence (DCV) report.

Chesapeake Public Schools stated that the information is currently available in an annual report and would require staff time to prepare in a different format. They estimate the cost of doing this at \$10,000.

**III. Conclusion**

HB 367 would add another reporting requirement to school districts statewide. Increases in staff time dedicated to reporting can increase a school's administrative costs and will add new opportunity costs. These costs can vary depending upon the size of the student population and the number of disciplinary issues in each jurisdiction.