

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2094

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

2. Patron: Watson

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Longitudinal Data System established.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to establish, maintain, and operate the Virginia Longitudinal Data System to track and examine student progress from early childhood to postsecondary education to the student entering the workforce. The bill also establishes the Virginia Longitudinal Data System Advisory Council to advise the Board of Education on all matters related to the Virginia Longitudinal Data System. The Department of Education would provide staff support to the Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Utilization of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System is scalable based on the funding available to conduct research and analysis of the data contained in the system. It is anticipated that the full capability of the system for research purposes will not be fully realized until the initial cohort of students or portion thereof, being tracked by the system, progresses through higher education and into the workforce. Therefore, the full operational costs of the system, including research, analysis, and expanded data storage, would not be realized until future biennia.

The Governor's proposed amendments to the 2012-2014 biennial budget (HB1500/SB800) include an additional \$156,060 in fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Education (DOE) and \$135,295 in fiscal year 2014 for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to support one position and technology support in each agency for the Virginia Longitudinal Data System. This funding is anticipated to be sufficient to begin operational management of the system.

It may be possible for future costs of the system to be partially addressed through reallocation of funding received through various existing federal programs, including the Workforce Investment Act and the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Virginia Community College System, and local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB1069.

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