

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1448

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

**2. Patron:** McQuinn

**3. Committee:** Education

**4. Title:** Virginia Public School Improvement Program; established, report.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would create the Virginia Public School Improvement Program. The bill authorizes local school boards to designate or approve any public school within its school division to participate in the Program if specified conditions are met. Local school boards would continue to receive state basic school aid funding for such schools, and participating schools would be exempt from certain school division policies and state regulations. The bill requires the Board of Education to establish implementation guidelines and provide technical assistance to school boards upon request.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would create an improvement program which would exempt participating schools from certain state and local policies and regulations. The requirement for the Board of Education to create program guidelines and provide technical assistance can be met within existing resources. Participating school divisions would still receive the same level of state funding. The bill is not anticipated to impact state finances.

Some of the program's strategies, such as the increased use of technology, employment of master teachers and highly experienced administrators, and alternative school scheduling and structure, may require increased expenditures when compared to non-participating schools. Since the state portion of funding to participating schools will not increase, localities may encounter increased local costs. Any local fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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